



2012 IOWA WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS MEDIA GUIDE

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UNIVERSITY QUICK FACTS

Location: Iowa City, Iowa
 Founded: 1847
 Enrollment: 30,561
 School Colors: Black and Gold
 Nickname: Hawkeyes
 Home Facility: Carver-Hawkeye Arena
 Conference: Big Ten
 President: Sally Mason
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Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Dec. 4	Black and Gold Intrasquad	Iowa City, Iowa	2:00 PM
Jan. 6	at Cancun Classic	Cancun, Mexico	7:00 PM
Jan. 13	Michigan State	Iowa City, Iowa	7:00 PM
Jan. 21	Illinois (Co-ed)	Iowa City, Iowa	5:00 PM
Jan. 27	at Iowa State	Ames, Iowa	6:30 PM
Feb. 3	Penn State	Iowa City, Iowa	7:00 PM
Feb. 10	at Ohio State	Columbus, Ohio	6:00 PM
Feb. 17	Iowa State	Iowa City, Iowa	7:00 PM
Feb. 24	Minnesota	Iowa City, Iowa	7:00 PM
March 3	at TWU (w/ BYU & SEMO)	Denton, Texas	7:00 PM
March 9	Louisiana State University	Iowa City, Iowa	7:00 PM
March 17	at Denver (w/ Minnesota & Arizona State)	Denver, Colo.	6:00 PM
March 24	Big Ten Championships	Iowa City, Iowa	2:00 PM
April 7	at NCAA Regionals	TBD	TBD
April 20	at NCAA Nationals	Duluth, Ga.	TBD
April 21	at NCAA Nationals	Duluth, Ga.	TBD
April 22	at NCAA Nationals	Duluth, Ga.	TBD

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**WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**MARCH 24, 2012
IOWA HOSTS THE
BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

CARVER-HAWKEYE ARENA

2012 ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown (Last School)
Emily Bigras	All-Around	Fr.		Samia, Ontario, Canada (St. Francois-Xavier)
Rachel Corcoran	Vault, Beam, Floor	Sr.		Palatine, Ill. (Palatine)
Tesla Cox	All-Around	So.		Greenville, S.C. (Mauldin)
Jordan Eszlinger	Bars, Beam	Sr.		Sioux Falls, S.D. (Lincoln)
Jessa Hansen	All-Around	Sr.		Clive, Iowa (Waukee)
Sydney Hoerr	All-Around	Fr.		Bloomington, Ill. (Tri-Valley)
Miranda Meyer	Vault, Beam, Floor	Fr.		Edmonton, Alberta, Canada (Vimy Ridge)
Jessica Morreale	All-Around	Fr.		DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)
Emma Stevenson	Vault, Bars, Floor	Jr.		Winfield, IL (Wheaton North)
Annie Szatkowski	All-Around	Sr.		Reno, NV (Galena)
Kaitlynn Urano	Bars, Beam, Floor	Jr.		British Columbia, Canada (Heritage Park Secondary)
Maya Wickus	Vault	Jr.		Port Washington, WI (Port Washington)
Emma Willis	All-Around	Fr.		Samia, Ontario, Canada (North Collegiate Institute)
Sarah Wolford	Bars, Beam	Fr.		Tampa, Fla. (Freedom)

Head Coach: Larissa Libby

Assistant Coach: Caleb Phillips **Assistant Coach:** Linas Gavelka

Managers: Amy Center, Miranda Drake, Heather Fomon, Nicole Pineau

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Annie Szatkowski Za-tow-skee
 Kaitlynn Urano Your-an-oh

BREAKDOWN BY CLASS

FRESHMAN (16)	SOPHOMORES (1)	JUNIORS (3)	SENIORS (4)
Emily Bigras	Tesla Cox	Emma Stevenson,	Rachel Corcoran
Sydney Hoerr		Kaitlynn Urano	Jordan Eszlinger
Miranda Meyer		Maya Wickus	Jessa Hansen
Jessica Morreale			Annie Szatkowski
Emma Willis			
Sarah Wolford			

REBECCA SIMBHUDAS
NORTH CENTRAL REGION
GYMNAST OF THE YEAR

2011 RESULTS (11-6 OVERALL, 2-3 BIG TEN)

Event	Result
at Michigan State, Michigan, W. Michigan	2nd, 193.825
at Minnesota	L, 194.825
vs. Michigan	W, 195.375
at Illinois	L, 193.475
at NC State	L, 194.375
vs. Denver	W, 196.350
vs. Wisconsin Stout	W, 195.300
at Iowa State	L, 195.850
vs. Iowa State	W, 195.450
at Nebraska (Master's Classic)	2nd, 195.500
vs. Northern Illinois	W, 195.950
at Southern Utah	1st, 196.450

BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS (AT MINNESOTA)

Team	Points
1. Michigan	196.600
2. Penn State	196.375
3. Illinois	196.075
4. Minnesota	195.325
5. Ohio State	194.900
6. Iowa	194.850
7. Michigan State	194.425

NCAA REGIONALS (CORVALLIS, ORE.)

Team	Points
1. Oregon State	197.025
2. Nebraska	196.550
3. Michigan State	194.525
4. San Jose State	194.425
5. Iowa	193.925
6. Southern Utah	193.775

JESSA HANSEN
FIRST TEAM ALL-BIG TEN

ALL-BIG TEN

First Team: Rebecca Simbhudas

First Team: Jessa Hansen

Second Team: Houry Gebeshian

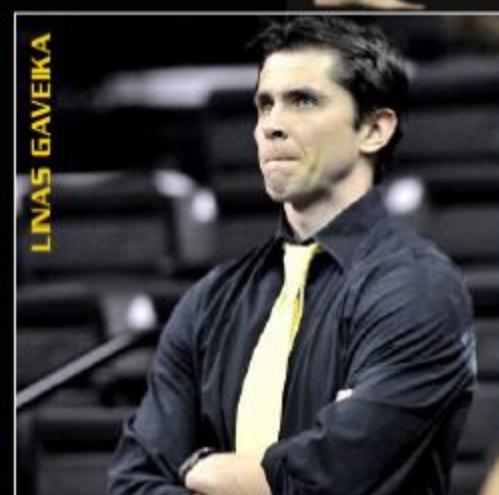
Big Ten Sportsmanship Award: Jessa Hansen

ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN HONOREES

Rachel Corcoran	Jennie Schurman
Jordan Eszlinger	Emma Stevenson
Houry Gebeshian	Annie Szatkowski
Jessa Hansen	Kaitlynn Urano
Andrea Hurlburt	

LETTERWINNERS

Rachel Corcoran	Rebecca Simbhudas
Tesla Cox	Emma Stevenson
Jordan Eszlinger	Arielle Sucich
Houry Gebeshian	Annie Szatkowski
Jessa Hansen	Kaitlynn Urano
Andrea Hurlburt	Maya Wickus
Nicole Pineau	


NORTH CENTRAL REGION ASSISTANT COACHES OF THE YEAR

INDIVIDUAL SEASON BESTS

Name	V	UB	BB	FX	AA
Rachel Corcoran	9.675	---	---	---	---
Tesla Cox	---	9.850	9.825	9.750	---
Jordan Eszlinger	---	---	---	---	---
Houry Gebeshian	9.925	9.875	9.875	9.875	39.300
Jessa Hansen	9.850	9.875	9.875	9.950	39.425
Andrea Hurlburt	---	---	9.750	9.750	---
Nicole Pineau	---	---	---	---	---
Jennie Schurman	---	---	---	---	---
Rebecca Simbhudas	9.900	9.900	9.900	9.925	39.525
Emma Stevenson	9.825	9.850	---	9.800	---
Arielle Sucich	9.825	9.850	9.875	---	---
Annie Szatkowski	9.850	---	9.800	9.875	---
Kaitlynn Urano	---	9.775	---	9.800	---

TEAM SEASON BESTS

Event	Score	Date	Meet
Vault	49.325	March 12	at Southern Utah
Uneven Bars	49.275	March 5	vs. Northern Illinois
Balance Beam	49.075	February 18	at Iowa State
Floor	49.400	February 25	vs. Iowa State
Team Total	196.450	March 12	at Southern Utah

INDIVIDUAL TEAM LEADERS

Event	Athlete	Mark	Competition
Vault	Houry Gebeshian	9.925	vs. Denver (Feb. 11)
	Maya Wickus	9.925	at South. Utah (March 12)
Uneven Bars	Rebecca Simbhudas	9.900	vs. Michigan (Jan. 22)
Balance Beam	Rebecca Simbhudas	9.900	4x, last vs. Iowa State (Feb. 25)
Floor Exercise	Jessa Hansen	9.950	vs. Iowa State (Feb. 25)
All-Around	Rebecca Simbhudas	39.525	vs. Denver (Feb. 11)



With sights set on a fifth-consecutive NCAA postseason appearance, the GymHawks will call on a balance of ability and experience as they take on their 2012 schedule. Head Coach Larissa Libby and her GymHawks have a single goal in mind – to compete in the final session at the Big Ten championships.

With the loss of an extremely talented and experienced senior class, the GymHawks have a lot of work ahead of them to maintain the standards set by their predecessors. A large group of underclassmen who have been brought to campus to assist in keeping the team rising will be the focus for the GymHawks throughout the preseason. The team and staff are well aware of what they have lost but believe that what has been left behind is a solid foundation for this young group to continue their winning ways.

“Commit to the Moment” is the slogan you will hear around the GymHawks these days. When asked what this means and how it applies to the 2012 GymHawks Coach Libby commented by saying, “It means, that in order to be successful, not just at athletics but in anything in life, you have to be focused on that one task fully and whole heartedly. You can’t let outside distraction stop you from achieving your goals and in order to do that, you have to dedicate yourself completely to the “moment” because at that point, nothing else matters.”

With 7 returning letterwinners and 6 incoming freshmen, the Hawkeyes are looking forward to teaching their new class what Iowa Gymnastics represents inside the classroom, on the competition floor and within the community. “If you ask the team they can tell you that this is the fundamental philosophy of our program; the total person. Our program is all encompassing. Gymnastics will not last forever so we believe that we should help prepare our student athletes for life in the real world. Ultimately they are representatives of us not just as a gymnastics program but as people and we are hopeful that their time with us will teach them to function at the highest levels possible in everything they do.”

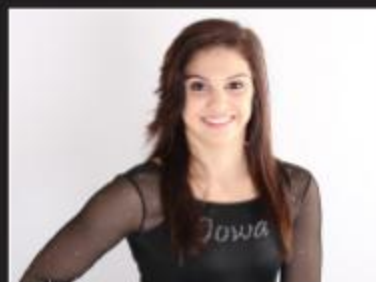
Gymnastically, the GymHawks are eagerly waiting the competitive season as the Conference Championships will be hosted by Iowa on March 24th 2012. Libby says the team has worked extremely hard and knows what a privilege it is to host the Championships in your own backyard. They are aware that there will be some growing pains along the way as over 50% of the lineup contribution may be coming from freshmen, but they know they can rely on the stability and leadership from the upperclassmen.

The GymHawks will rely on experienced leadership from seniors Rachel Corcoran, Jordan Eszlinger, and Annie Szatkowski and Jessa Hansen.

The foursome will combine to provide Iowa with the stability and skill that every team needs from their senior group. The senior class has a wealth of experience at the Conference and NCAA Regional level and has been instrumental in setting the precedent for what we now come to expect from each of our incoming student-athletes.

Hansen, a native of Clive, Iowa, is a two-time All-Big Ten selection and the GymHawks’ lone returning all-around competitor from 2011. Libby spoke of her value to the Hawkeyes and her ability to lead the program.





IOWA GYMNASTICS

"For Jessa, there is never a need to set an expectation. She has always placed a high expectation on herself to fill any void for the team no matter where that may be. She is a fierce competitor with a gentle heart and this team means everything to her. She is our lone Iowan and she competes with the pride of Iowa resting on her shoulders. Mentally, she's stronger than she's ever been and she needs to be in order to show the younger ones how it's done when she's out there competing. There is no better example of what we look for in our student-athletes."

The importance of leadership by example with in Libby's program can't be overstated. "The job of a leader is endless and thankless and no one fulfills that role better or takes it more seriously than Jordan."

"Jordan has really come into her own this season. There is nothing she takes for granted. She pushes the team to meet their potential on all levels at everything. She has always set the standard as far as academics are concerned but this year she has really become the heart of our team. Her gymnastics has increased tremendously but what she brings to our team outside of gymnastics has made a major difference in getting over the hump with the new girls. She is 'full-go' all the time."

In addition to both Jessa and Jordan, Rachel and Annie have made up solid contributions to the team as well. "All of our seniors are extremely different but it is their differences and how they combine together that makes their leadership so strong. Rachel is at her strongest competitive point since her freshman year. She is solid in everything she does and provides that sense of comfort when she competes. Annie is our 'go to' girl. She is so versatile and has competed in every event for us at some point in her career. She knows what is needed of her and is ready to fill that spot at all times."

Iowa's junior class consists of Emma Stevenson, Kaitlynn Urano and Maya Wickus. Libby smiled as she spoke of this class and the contributions they bring to the program. "This is the group that meshes us all together. They are the connection between upper and underclassmen. They are not so far removed from understanding the difficulties of being a freshman but also have a deep appreciation for the leadership that is required as an upperclassman to keep the 'ship running smoothly." Libby sites how well the Junior class has come together both academically and athletically to exemplify the standards the GymHawks embody. All three young ladies will be pushing to compete on three events and Libby believes their contributions both on and off the competition floor will be pivotal in the team's success.

Tesla Cox is the sole representative of the GymHawks' sophomore class this season. Cox demonstrated her ability as a fierce competitor when an injury to Kaitlynn Urano during warm-up forced her into the line-up against Big ten rival

Michigan. With a solid performance from Tesla on three events, Iowa walked away with a win over the Wolverines for the first time since 2004. "Tesla is a natural competitor and thrives on a challenge. The tougher the competition the more intense she becomes. Competition is instinctive to her and it shows every time she has the opportunity to compete. Every team has one; a stabilizer, and Tesla is ours."

Libby's 2012 recruiting class is represented by freshmen Emily Bigras, Sydney Hoert, Miranda Meyer, Jessica Morreale, Emma Willis and Sarah Wolford. One of the largest freshmen classes Libby has had in recent years.

"This is a great class of freshmen. They bring a wealth of experience from all different sides of the spectrum. They are made up Junior Olympic team members, National and World team members and come from as far as Canada and as close as Illinois." Libby notes that her freshmen class, while talented, all represent different strengths and feels she will need to quickly identify where these strengths will best impact the line-ups in terms of what was lost from the senior class. "Our freshmen have large shoes to fill. We lost a Big Ten Champion, an All American and 12 counting routines from our senior class so it will not be an easy task. That being said, these ladies are more than capable and we are excited to see the level of their contributions to the team."

With such a balanced squad and a strong pre-season lead up, Libby and the GymHawks won't be limited in depth during a grueling schedule. "We have a great deal of talent represented in each of our classes and for the first time in a long time, depth will not likely be our challenge." Libby admits that while so much fresh talent brings a great deal of potential, the challenge will be consistency. "With the majority of our team being freshmen many of our line-ups will be 50% freshmen and with lack of experience competing in the collegiate realm, you never know what that will bring in terms of reliability." Still Libby believes that even with her young team, a driven group of upperclassmen coupled with an experienced staff and the internal drive to prove Iowa's worth, will be enough maybe not to win every meet but certainly to leave a large impression of what this group will be capable of in the very near future.

"The goal is always to win a Big Ten Championship and with Iowa being the host this year, it would be even more special. But I know this team will be successful whether they win that championship or not because they are focused on the right things; each other and the process. They are willing to do the work and go the distance and that's what champions are made of!"



THE BASICS

Six gymnasts perform on each of the four events (vault, uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise). The five highest scores per event comprise the cumulative team total. Although a perfect score is 200, top teams score above 190.

Individual optional routines, put together by the gymnast to express herself through the skills she performs the best, have a starting value of only 9.5. An additional five-tenths of bonus can be earned, one-tenth by performing a "D" element or two-tenths by performing an "E" element. Also the gymnast can get one-tenth by performing a special connection of skills. The remaining points can be earned by additional D/E elements or special connections. The maximum start value is 10.0.

JUDGING

Uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise are judged using a rating system that evaluates each element on the following scale:

- A - easy part
- B - part with partial difficulty
- C - part with higher difficulty
- D - part with very high difficulty
- E - part with highest difficulty

Routines require the following to start from a 9.5 value:
3 "A" elements, 3 "B" elements and two "C" elements.

SPECIAL DEDUCTIONS:

- *Out of bounds (floor exercise), -0.1 each time
- *Overtime in balance beam routine (over 1:30), -0.2
- *Fall off apparatus, -0.5 each time
- *Wiggles or wobbles on beam, -0.3
- *Two steps on landing, -0.2
- *Insufficient artistry of presentation, up to -0.3
- *Relaxed posture throughout the exercise, up to -0.2





VAULT

• VAULT

Vaulting requires speed, quickness and explosive power. The gymnast is allowed to perform only one vault. Vaults have assigned maximum difficulty ranging from 8.6 to 10.0. Deductions are taken for technical errors in four phases: first flight phase (the approach), repulsion phase (contact with the vaulting table), second flight phase (height and distance from the table), and landing. Specific deductions include up to 0.5 for body position faults, 0.1-0.4 for steps off landing, up to 0.3 for an off-center landing, and not receiving a score if the coach assists the athlete at any time during the vault. Some common vaults in collegiate competition include:

1/2 on, 1/2 off front layout	10.0
Roundoff back handspring, 1/2 turn front layout	10.0
Handspring front pike, 1/2 turn	10.0
Handspring front tuck, full turn	10.0
Tsukahara layout, full twist	10.0
1/2 on, 1/2 off front tuck	9.8
Handspring front pike	9.9
Handspring front tuck, 1/2 turn	9.9
Roundoff back handspring layout	9.8
Tsukahara layout	9.8

• UNEVEN BARS

This event combines the gymnast's strength and agility as the gymnast must maintain a flowing and consistent rhythm. A bar routine must include a mount, two release moves, a directional change and a dismount. Bonus points are awarded through spectacular release moves and dismounts, along with performing difficult elements in a series.

• BALANCE BEAM

The balance beam is 16 feet long, four feet high and only four inches wide. Performing on the beam requires precise movement and intense concentration. A beam routine should be between 70 and 90 seconds long and include a tumbling series, a leap series, a mount and a dismount.

Composition Requirements:

- * Full turn
- * Large leap or jump (180 degree split)
- * Acrobatic series with two or more flight skills
- * Dance series
- * Minimum of a "C" level dismount



BALANCE BEAM

• FLOOR EXERCISE

This is the "glamour" event in women's gymnastics that combines tumbling, dance and interpretation of music. Floor routines must contain two tumbling passes (one with two flips), a series of three leaps and a series with tumbling and leaps all choreographed to music. Floor exercise has become not only one of the most beautiful of athletic events, but one of the most daring and exciting as well.

Composition Requirements:

- * Dance series with two elements
- * Two tumbling series with one having at least two saltos
- * Three different saltos within two tumbling series
- * Minimum of "C" level dismount in combination or "D" level skill



UNEVEN BARS



FLOOR EXERCISE

**LARISSA LIBBY****HEAD COACH
EIGHT SEASON**

Entering her eighth year as head coach for the Hawkeyes, Larissa Libby will have her eyes set on a fifth consecutive NCAA postseason appearance, the sixth in her tenure.

The Hawkeyes raised the streak to four in 2011 with a fifth place finish at the NCAA Corvallis Regional. This coming after a sixth place finish at the Big Ten Championships and overall season record of 11-6. Libby coached three all-Big Ten selections in Rebecca Simbhudas, Houry Gebeshian and Jessa Hansen. Simbhudas and Gebeshian also made individual appearances at the NCAA Championships as Simbhudas was named North Central Region Gymnast of the Year.

Libby led Iowa to a third place finish at the 2010 Big Ten Championships, its best finish in six years. On top of another NCAA Regional berth, Libby also coached Houry Gebeshian to a Big Ten title on beam, just the second in program history. Additionally, Rebecca Simbhudas qualified as an individual for the NCAA Championships and earned all-American honors on beam.

In 2009, Libby led her squad to a 10-5 record and was named North Central Region Coach of the Year. Under her guidance, the GymHawks returned to their second consecutive NCAA Regional appearance and produced two first team All-Big Ten gymnasts in Jenifer Simbhudas and Houry Gebeshian. Additionally, Simbhudas was named Big Ten Gymnast of the Week twice in 2009.

In 2008, Libby Coached the Hawkeyes to their first NCAA appearance since 2005 and a fifth place finish in the Big Ten Conference. In addition to the multiple team and staff honors, Libby also saw several GymHawks achieve standout seasons during the 2008 season. Jenifer Simbhudas was named first team All Big-Ten and Big Ten Gymnast of the Week twice. The accomplishments came off of the competitive floor as well with five Gymhaws receiving academic all-Big Ten selections and seven being named academic all-Americans.

In 2007, Libby led the Hawkeyes to many individual records. Katie Burke earned career-highs on vault, bars, floor, and in the all-around, ending a highly successful season with an NCAA Championship appearance. Kara Pinjuv, Jenifer Simbhudas, and Katie Turcotte all qualified to NCAA Regional competition.



In addition to their NCAA success, Burke earned first team all Big-Ten honors while Pinjuv, Turcotte, and Simbhudas all earned second team honors in 2007 under Libby. Prior to the 2007 season, Libby played a role in the Hawkeyes' five consecutive seasons of Regional competition (2000-2005) and coached seniors Liz Grajewski and Kortny Williamson, as well as junior Danielle Legeai to individual regional competition in 2006.

As the Hawkeyes' choreographer and beam coach, Libby has made a lasting impact. The top 10 school records on beam have all been under her guidance, including the school record, 49.425, accomplished in 2004 at Illinois State. In 2004, the GymHawks recorded a 49.0 or higher seven times on beam.

Before becoming head coach, Libby served as associate head coach for one season and assistant coach for the previous three seasons.

Before joining the Hawkeyes, Libby served four years as the assistant women's coach at Louisiana State University. While at LSU, she produced nine beam all-Americans, the top-ranked beam team in 1999 and helped coach LSU to four consecutive NCAA championship team appearances.

As a competitive gymnast in her home country of Canada, Libby burst onto the scene at age 11 quickly becoming a junior national champion and a senior national champion shortly after. A member of the 1987 and 1989 Canadian world championship teams, Libby led the Canadian team to its best-ever sixth-place finish, placing 18th in the world in the all-around and becoming Canada's first ever world vault finalist. Along with world recognition, Libby was also a member of the Canadian Olympic team in 1988. She has earned over 30 international individual and event medals and was honored as the Canadian Gymnast of the Year in 1989 and 1990. In 2006, Libby was honored for her many national and international accomplishments. The Whitby Sports Council, the hometown where Libby began her outstanding career, selected Libby to be inducted into the Whitby Sports Hall of Fame, an honor bestowed on some of Canada's greatest athletes.

Originally from Pickering, Canada, Libby was a collegiate gymnast at Louisiana State University. She was a four-year team captain and the Central Region bar champion in 1995. Libby graduated from LSU in 1996, with a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology and a minor in French. Her husband, Chad, is the program director of athletic training at Coe College. The couple has two daughters, Taylor 14, and Bailey 7.





CALEB PHILLIPS
ASSISTANT COACH
FOURTH SEASON

Caleb Phillips is in his fourth season as a Hawkeye assistant coach after spending four years as an assistant at Southern Utah.

After helping coach Iowa to another NCAA postseason appearance in 2011, Phillips and fellow assistant Linas Gaveika were named North Central Region Assistant Coaches of the Year.

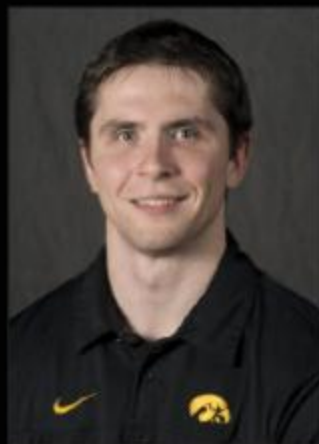
The Hawkeyes have recieved postseason berths every year he has been on staff. Additionally, Phillips has helped coach at least one gymnast to a NCAA Championship appearance in each of the last two seasons.

With the help of Phillips, the Hawkeyes took home third place at the Big Ten Championships in 2010 and crowned a Big Ten Champion on beam in Houry Gebeshian.

Phillips helped lead Southern Utah to two NCAA Regional appearances. He helped send two competitors to NCAA Championships -- Leah Sakhtab in 2005 and Elise Wheeler in 2008. He helped three athletes reach NCAA Regionals in 2006 and four in 2007.

Phillips has a Bachelor's degree in psychology from Southern Utah. He and his wife, Ashley, have two children -- Cable (6) and Beck (4).





LINAS GAVEIKA
ASSISTANT COACH
THIRD SEASON

Jaimel Johnson is in her second season as an assistant coach. Linas Gaveika is in his third season as a Hawkeye assistant coach after volunteering as an assistant for one season.

He helped coach the 2011 GymHawks to their fourth consecutive NCAA Regional appearance and fifth in seven years. Additionally, Gaveika helped coach Houry Gebeshian in her first trip to the NCAA Championships and Rebecca Simbhudas in her second appearance.

After a fifth place finish at the 2011 NCAA Corvallis Regional, Gaveika and fellow assistant Caleb Phillips were named North Central Region Assistant Coaches of the Year.

The 2010 GymHawks placed third at the Big Ten Championships, their best finish in six years, as Gaveika helped coached Houry Gebeshian to a Big Ten title on beam. He also helped coach all-American Rebecca Simbhudas to her first of two NCAA Championship appearances as an individual.

Competing for Iowa's mens gymnastics from 2003-05, Gaveika is a three year letterwinner. He was the 2003 NCAA Champion on horizontal bar, three-time All-American on horizontal bar, All-American on parallel Bars and Academic All-Big Ten in 2004.

Gaveika, a native of Vilnius, Lithuania, graduated from the University of Iowa in 2005 with a Russian/international business major.





HANSEN'S BEST

Vault.....9.850	vs. Denver (2/11/11)
Bars9.875	at NC State (2/6/11)
Beam9.875	vs. Denver (2/11/11)
Floor9.950	vs. Iowa State (2/25/11)
AA.....39.425	vs. Denver (2/11/11)

JESSA HANSEN

ALL-AROUND
SENIOR
CLIVE, IA

2011... One of six GymHawks to compete in all 14 meets... first team All-Big Ten selection... won six event titles, including four on floor... set career bests on all four events, plus the all-around... led the team on floor with career mark of 9.950, winning the event title against Iowa State... posted a personal best of 9.875 on bars at NC State, winning the event title... placed second on beam against Denver with a career high of 9.875... recorded a career mark of 9.850 on vault to tie for fourth versus Denver... set third career mark against Denver with a second place finish in the all-around (39.425)... Academic All-Big Ten selection... Big Ten Sportsmanship Award nominee.

2010... Second team All-Big Ten... Academic All-Big Ten... Big Ten Sportsmanship Award nominee... one of two Hawkeyes to compete in the all-around in every meet... set career marks on vault (9.775, vs. Michigan St.), bars (9.800, four times), beam (9.850, twice) and all-around (39.100, at Iowa State).

2009... competed on bars, beam and floor in every meet... scored a 9.9 on floor (vs. Iowa State) and a 9.875 (vs. Maryland), taking first place both times... posted a 9.825 on balance beam against Ohio State... scored a 9.775 on uneven bars (T-21st) at the Big Ten Championships, a career-high... also scored a 9.775 (17th) on balance beam and a 9.850 on floor (T-17th) at Big Tens.

High School... Three-time J.O. Qualifier... took first on floor and second in all-around at 2008 Region IV Championships... took second on beam at 2007 Western Nationals... won all-around at Iowa State Meet in 2005 (37.925) and 2006 (36.250)... trained at Chow's Gym in Des Moines and club coach was Liang Chow.

Personal... Born 8/11/90... parents are Marc and Jody Hansen... journalism and mass communications major... trained at the same gym as U.S. Olympian Shawn Johnson.

GETTING TO KNOW JESSA

Nickname: Jess, Jessa Girl, Jessa Hot Messa, Boss

My First Gymnastics Memory: Exhibiting and doing cartwheels in the mall to promote the grand opening of Chow's Gymnastics.

My Most Prized Possession: All of my photos

Favorite Restaurant: Three Samurai

Favorite Movie: Mean Girls

Favorite TV Show: The Office

Favorite Musical Artists: The Script, OneRepublic

I Want To Visit: Italy

When I Was Little I Wanted To Grow Up To Be: A teacher

Before Every Meet I: Listen to music to get pumped up with my team and mentally go through my routines.

My Goals For The Season Are: To compete with mental toughness and to be a steady, reliable competitor in all the events.

Being At Iowa Has Taught Me: To recognize all of the amazing opportunities given to us and be proactive.

My Most Memorable Gymnastics Moment Was: The 2010 Big Ten Championships.




RACHEL CORCORAN

VAULT, BEAM AND FLOOR
SENIOR
PALATINE, IL

2011... Posted a mark of 9.675 on vault at Michigan State... Academic All-Big Ten selection.

2010... Competed on vault and floor through Iowa's first four meets... Scored a career best of 9.650 on floor at Penn State meet Jan. 23.

2009... Saw first collegiate action against on vault against LSU and Southeast Missouri State (1/9), scoring a 9.250... competed on vault for Iowa in last six dual meets... scored a season-high 9.825 at the Big Ten Championships, finishing in 17th place.

High School... Finished second at Illinois State Meet on beam (9.6) and third in all-around (38.125) as a senior... holds personal-bests of 9.90 on floor and 38.625 in all-around... holds school records for highest floor score (9.70) and highest all-around (38.325)... co-captain during senior season... Academic Achievement Award recipient as a senior... high school coaches were Terry Theobald, Scott Hagel and Jodi Wadington... competed in club at Crystal Lake Gymnastics Training Center and was coached by Lado Gogoladze and Lee Bataglia.

Personal... Born 11/29/89... parents are Phyllis and Stephen Corcoran... health promotions major.

GETTING TO KNOW RACHEL

Nickname: Corky

My First Gymnastics Memory: Twice a week in preschool, we had a "gymbus" come to my school as our physical education type of class. They had taken out the seats on the bus and put in preschool gymnastics equipment. The "gymbus" is what I have to thank for my love for the sport of gymnastics.

My Most Prized Possession: The scrapbook that my friends and family put together with pictures and notes about me for my graduation party right before I went off to college.

Favorite Restaurant: Mia Za's

Favorite Movie: Cruel Intentions

When I Was Little I Wanted To Grow Up To Be: A lawyer

Favorite TV Show: Grey's Anatomy

I Want To Visit... Europe

My Goals For The Season Are: To stay positive, always give my best effort and fight for every tenth.

Being At Iowa Has Taught Me: Hard work will always be rewarded. I have also learned that if you can push through the bad days, you will be even stronger for having pushed through it.


CORCORAN'S BEST

Vault.....9.825	at Big Ten Championships (3/21/09)
Floor9.650	at Penn State (1/23/10)

**ESZLINGER'S BEST**

Bars9.825 2x, last vs. Southern Utah (3/7/10)

JORDAN ESZLINGER

BARS
SENIOR
SIOUX FALLS, SD

2011... Academic All-Big Ten selection.

2010... Saw first collegiate action at Michigan meet Jan. 9, scoring a 9.600 on bars... competed on bars in every meet for Iowa... set career mark on bars (9.825) against Minnesota and again against Southern Utah.

2009... Did not compete.

High School... Finished fourth on bars at Level 10 Regionals... took second place at 2008 State Championships in all-around... team captain during senior season... lettered in academics all four years at Lincoln... competed for All-American Gymnastics... coaches were Gene Luke and Ben Prohl.

Personal... Born 3/31/90... parents are Lyle and Ranees Eszlinger... chemical engineering major.

GETTING TO KNOW JORDAN

Nickname: J-Dawg, Jordy Jor, Jordanimal

My First Gymnastics Memory: My first Level Five Meet - It was horrible!

My Most Prized Possession: Cell phone

Favorite Restaurant: HuHot

Favorite Movie: 27 Dresses, The Holiday

Favorite TV Show: Grey's Anatomy, NCIS, Law & Order SVU

Favorite Musical Artist: Spice Girls

I Want To Visit...: Barcelona, Spain

My Goals For The Season Are: To work hard and do everything I can to help my team become Big Ten champions!

Being At Iowa Has Taught Me: That I can do anything as long as I work hard and keep a positive attitude.




ANNIE SZATKOWSKI

ALL-AROUND
SENIOR
RENO, NV

2011... One of six student-athletes to compete in all 14 meets for the Hawkeyes... tied for first place on vault with a mark of 9.800 against Northern Illinois... tied for third place on floor versus Iowa State with a career mark of 9.875... tied a career mark of 9.850 at Southern Utah, tying for fifth place... set a career best of 9.800 on beam with a sixth place finish at Iowa State... Academic All-Big Ten selection.

2010... Saw action in 13 meets for the Hawkeyes... began season by scoring a career high of 9.800 on bars (at Michigan)... recorded career high of 9.725 on beam against Southern Utah... academic all-Big Ten.

2009... Competed on vault in every meet... tied for first at Iowa State on vault (9.825)... scored a career-high 9.850 on vault twice in 2009, last vs. Kentucky (3/6)... scored above a 9.8 on vault five times.

High School... Scored personal-best 9.60 on floor, 9.80 on vault and 36.975 in all-around... first place finish on floor at 2004 Regionals (9.60)... back-to-back first place finishes at Nevada State Championships on vault in 2007 and 2008... took first place on floor (9.55) and vault (9.80) at 2008 MAC Open... competed for Deltchev Gymnastics Academy... coaches were Stoyan Deltchev and Anni Damianova... three-time Academic Letter Award recipient and National Honor Society member.

Personal... Born 6/26/90... parents are John and Barbara Szatkowski... sports studies and journalism/mass communication major, entrepreneurship certificate.

GETTING TO KNOW ANNIE

Nickname: Skeeter, Annie Boo, Ammaruth, Squash, Roonie

My First Gymnastics Memory: Playing in the massive trampoline castle at my first gymnastics club and never wanting to get off of it.

My Most Prized Possession: All my pictures and photo albums

Favorite Restaurant: Thai Flavors

When I Was Little I Wanted To Grow Up To Be: An ambulance driver

If I Could Guest Star On Any TV Show It Would Be: The Today Show

Favorite Movie: Billy Madison

Favorite TV Show: Grey's Anatomy, Top Chef and Project Runway

Favorite Musical Artist: Kanye West, John Mayer, Jason Mraz

I Want To Visit...: Italy

My Goals For The Season Are: To be a positive contributor in every event I compete, to do all-around and 9.9 on vault, Big Ten Champs and go to nationals.

Being At Iowa Has Taught Me: To appreciate everything, every person and every opportunity in life.


SZATKOWSKI'S BEST

Vault.....9.85	3x, last at Southern Utah (3/12/11)
Bars9.8	at Michigan (1/9/10)
Beam9.8	at Iowa State (2/18/11)
Floor9.875	at Iowa State (2/25/11)



URANO'S BEST

Bars	9.775	vs. Iowa State (2/25/11)
Beam	9.525	at Michigan (1/9/10)
Floor	9.800	vs. Northern Illinois (3/5/11)

KAITLYNN URANO
 BARS, BEAM, FLOOR
 JUNIOR
 BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

2011... Competed in 12 events for the GymHawks... made collegiate debut on floor with a mark of 9.675 at Michigan State... set season and career mark of 9.800 on floor against Northern Illinois, winning the event title... posted a personal best of 9.775 on bars, tying for seventh individually against Iowa State... Academic All-Big Ten selection.

2010... Competed in 10 meets for Iowa... made collegiate debut at Michigan, scoring a career high 9.525 on beam... recorded career high on bars (9.750) against Minnesota.

High School... Qualified for Women's Provincial National Open Team... member of Team Alberta 2007... attended Canada Winter Games in 2007 for Team Alberta... member of Team British Columbia 2008 and 2009... Honor Roll Grades 8-12, Principal's List Grade 11 and 12.

Personal... Born 4/27/91... parents are Chuck and Deborah Urano... communication sciences and disorders major.

GETTING TO KNOW KAITLYNN

My First Gymnastics Memory: Being the first in my group to get their kip on bars

My Most Prized Possession: My phone

Favorite Restaurant: Shorts

Favorite Movie: How To Lose A Guy In Ten Days

Favorite TV Show: Friends

I Want To Visit: Europe

My Goals For The Season Are: To compete and be consistent on three events and to help my team strive for success

Being At Iowa Has Taught Me: Leadership and accountability come hand in hand. To be a Hawkeye means you never give up and you give 100 percent in everything you do.

Before Every Meet I: Listen to my favorite music, hang out and do my hair.





EMMA STEVENSON
VAULT, BARS, FLOOR
JUNIOR
WINFIELD, IL

2011... One of six Hawkeyes to compete in all 14 meets... scored career best of 9.850 in three different meets – tying for second against Iowa State, Northern Illinois and at Southern Utah... posted career mark of 9.825 on vault, earning a share of second place against Wisconsin-Stout... posted career mark of 9.800 on floor twice – tying for fifth against Denver and sixth versus Iowa State... Academic All-Big Ten selection.

2010... Competed in 13 meets for Iowa, the most of any freshman... saw first collegiate action at Michigan meet, scoring 9.725 bars... Scored a career high of 9.825 on bars against Minnesota... Competed on floor in nine events for Iowa... Scored a career high of 9.750 on floor in final two meets (Big Ten Championships, NCAA Regionals)... Set career mark of 9.525 twice on vault (vs. Southern Utah, at NCAA Regionals).

High School... Three-time national qualifier... 2005 Regional bar champion... Sixth place in bars at 2008 Nationals... 2008 All-Star Team member... Four years High Honor Roll... Spanish Honor Society.

Personal... Born 10/11/90... parents are Paul and Barbara Stevenson... integrative physiology major.

GETTING TO KNOW EMMA

My First Gymnastics Memory: When my coach told me to do a front on vault just because he knew I would try anything. I was a first year level five and I could barely do a regular front handspring but I didn't land on my head.

My Most Prized Possession: My phone

Favorite Restaurant: Takanami

Favorite Movie: The Hangover

Favorite TV Show: Friends

Favorite Musical Artist: Cartel

I Want To Visit: Spain

My Goals For The Season Are: Big Ten Champs

Being At Iowa Has Taught Me: Time Management

Before Every Meet I: Get pumped up by listening to music and visualizing.



STEVENSON'S BEST

Vault.....9.825	vs. Wisconsin-Stout (2/13/11)
Bars9.850	3x, last at Southern Utah (3/12/11)
Floor9.750	2x, last vs. Iowa State (2/25/11)

**WICKUS' BEST**

Vault.....9.925 vs. Southern Utah (3/12/11)

MAYA WICKUSVAULT
JUNIOR
PORT WASHINGTON, WI

2011... Made Hawkeye debut on vault at Minnesota and competed on vault for remaining 12 meets... won or at least tied for first on vault in three different meets... won the individual title on vault at Southern Utah, setting a career mark of 9.925... tied team season high mark of 9.925 on vault along with senior Houry Gebeshian.

High School... Trained at LaFleur's Gymnastics in Wisconsin... Four-time state vault champion... four-time regional qualifier... Qualified for J.O. Nationals sophomore and senior year... Also competed in track and diving.

Personal... Born 9/25/91... parents are Dawn Marie Herrboldt and Wade Wickus... pre-business major.

GETTING TO KNOW MAYA

My First Gymnastics Memory: When my level four team won State!

I Knew I First Loved Gymnastics When: I was first able to compete. I loved being able to perform something I was good at. Ever since, I've always been in love with the competitions.

Nickname: Maya Papaya

My Most Memorable Gymnastics Moment Was: The first time I competed my full on vault. I was so proud I had finally accomplished my goal.

My Most Prized Possession: My puppies

I Want To Visit: India

My Favorite Movie Is: Breakfast at Tiffany's

Favorite TV Show: Friends

If I Could Guest Star On Any Television Show It Would Be: NCIS

The Television Or Movie Character That Best Describes Me Is: Holly Golightly

Favorite Restaurant: Mongolian Grill

Favorite Musical Artist: Shania Twain

The One Thing I Could Not Live Without Is: My phone

When I Was Little I Wanted To Grow Up To Be: Marine Biologist, to work with manatees

My Favorite Type Of Music Is: Country

Being At Iowa Has Taught Me: That academics come first.

My Goals For This Season Are: To compete on vault at every meet and help my team succeed to be the best that we can be.





COX'S BEST

Bars	9.850	vs. Northern Illinois (3/5/11)
Beam	9.825	vs. Northern Illinois (3/5/11)
Floor	9.750	vs. Denver (2/11/11)

TESLA COX
 ALL-AROUND
 SOPHOMORE
 MAULDIN, SC

2011... Competed in 12 events for the Hawkeyes, making collegiate debut on beam at Michigan State... posted career mark of 9.850, tying for second against Northern Illinois... set personal best of 9.825 on beam against Northern Illinois, tying for second individually... finished ninth on floor against Denver with a career best of 9.750.

High School... 2007 state champion on beam, floor and all-around... 2009 state champion on bars, vault and all-around... 2010 state champion on bars and all-around... eight-time regional qualifier... awarded 2009 Outstanding Gymnast of the Year Award - Club Gymnastics... awarded the 2010 Louise Peck South Carolina Senior Award... coached by Horatiu Sana and Shawn Smolen... speech and debate team-freshman and sophomore years... held student council position as spirit leader freshman year.

Personal... Born 9/30/91... parents are Bennett and Connie Cox... communication major.

GETTING TO KNOW TESLA

My First Gymnastics Memory: Climbing to the top of the rope really fast and then looking down and not wanting to climb down. My coach had to come up the rope and get me.

I Knew I First Loved Gymnastics When: When I did my first cartwheel in my tumble bears class when I was 3 years old.

Nickname: Bell (short for Southern Bell)

My Most Memorable Gymnastics Moment Was: When I performed my floor routine at the 2008 Tour of Gymnastics Superstars with the 2008 Olympians.

My Most Prized Possession: Pictures of my memories

I Want To Visit: Greece

My Favorite Movie Is: Hocus Pocus

Favorite TV Show: House

If I Could Guest Star On Any Television Show It Would Be: Survivor

The Television or Movie Character That Best Describes Me Is: Melanie Carmichael, played by Reese Witherspoon on Sweet Home Alabama.

Favorite Restaurant: Red Lobster

Favorite Musical Artist: Nicki Minaj

When I Was Little I Wanted To Grow Up To Be: Famous

My Favorite Type Of Music Is: All music

Being At Iowa Has Taught Me: How to work harder than I ever have, how to be more responsible and how to be a team player.




SARAH WOLFORD

BARS, BEAM
FRESHMAN
TAMPA, FLA.

High School... Competed as a Level 10 (2008-2011)... eight-time regional qualifier and two-time J.O. Eastern National Qualifier... ..Region VIII vault champion (2005, 2007)... won three state titles on bars (2007, 2009, 2010)... won three Region VIII bar silver medals (2005, 2009, 2011)... 2007 Region VIII all-around runner-up (All-Star team member)... 2005 state and Region VIII beam champion... 2005 state floor champion and Region VIII runner-up... 2005 state and regional all-around champion... numerous TBT Team Awards (2004-2011)... voted Most Athletic as a senior at Freedom High School...trained at Tampa Bay Turners ...coached by Brad Harris and Amy Schulthess.

Personal... Parents are Brice and Terry Wolford... pre-business major.

GETTING TO KNOW SARAH

My very first gymnastics memory was when: I was almost four and I met Dominique Moceanu.

I knew I first loved gymnastics when: I wanted to be in the gym 24/7.

My most memorable gymnastics moment was: In level 5 was doing a front handspring on vault. I was so excited that I ran and missed the board and belly flopped onto the table.

Before every meet I: listen to my iPod.

The thing I like most about gymnastics road trips is: being with my teammates and the great memories we share.

My favorite gymnastics road trip was: driving to regional training camps with my coaches. there was never a dull moment. We never stop having a great time.

My goals for this season are: compete to the best of my ability, contribute to the team and stay healthy.

The one thing that has impressed me most about the University of Iowa is: how friendly everyone was.

The best class I've ever taken at Iowa is: I've only taken 2 classes so far but I would have to say Introduction to Sociology Principles.

My favorite restaurant in the Iowa City/ Coralville area is : The Brown Bottle

My favorite type of music is: Rap/Hip Hop

The best concert I've ever attended was: It was called Jingle Balls. It had a mixture of singers like Mike Posner, Michael Buble, Maroon 5 and more.

If I could be on the cover of any magazine it would be: People and the title would read: Surviving Iowa Winters: Floridian Style.





EMMA WILLIS
ALL-AROUND
FRESHMAN
SARNIA, ONTARIO, CANADA

High School... Represented Canada at the 2010 World Championships and 2010 Commonwealth Games... competed at 2010 Canadian Championships Senior, finishing 11th in the all-around and eighth on floor... finished eighth in the all-around at 2009 Elite Canada Senior... competed at 2008 Canadian Championships Senior, finished eighth in the all-around and seventh on floor... competed at 2007 Elite Canada Senior, finishing sixth in the all-around, fourth on bars, fourth on beam and eighth on floor... 2007 Pan American Games competitor... competed at 2007 Canadian Championships Senior, finishing first on floor and 10th in the all-around... competed at the 2007 L'International Gymnix Senior, finishing ninth in the all-around, sixth on beam and third on floor... trained at Bluewater Gymnastics Club in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada... coached by Dave and Liz Brubaker... club teammate of Freshman Emily Bigras.

Personal... Parents are Dave and Shirley Willis... english and journalism major.

GETTING TO KNOW EMMA

My very first gymnastics memory was when: I would tell the coach I wanted to do a different event then the one the coach was taking us to.

I knew I first loved gymnastics when: I saw my sister doing it and needed to do it too.

My most memorable gymnastics moment was:
Competing at world championships

Before every meet I: make sure to laugh a lot

The thing I like most about gymnastics road trips is:
spending time with the team, usually playing cards and watching movies and of course laughing.

My favorite gymnastics road trip was: with my club to montreal

My goals for this season are: to compete to the best of my ability, contribute to the team, and build my confidence and consistency levels.

The one thing that has impressed me most about the University of Iowa is: everyone has been incredible welcoming

The best class I've ever taken at Iowa is: out of the only 2 I've taken the best so far has been Introduction to Sociology Principles

My favorite type of music is: soft rock, easy listening and the occasional song that causes me to breakout my dance moves

The best concert I've ever attended was: Nickelback, as it is the only one I've gone to.

If I could be on the cover of any magazine it would be: and the title would read: Madean's magazine, and the title would read "How to survive university in the United States – adapting to a life without 'u's"





MIRANDA MEYER

VAULT, BEAM, FLOOR

FRESHMAN

EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA

High School... Finished third on beam at 2010 Elite Canada... competed at 2009 Canadian National Championships Senior, winning on beam and placing second on vault and floor... 2009 Canadian National Team member... competed for Canada in Slovenia (2009 and 2010)... 2008 Canadian (National Open) vault and beam champion... three-year high school honors... trained at Champions Gymnastics in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada... coached by Michel Arsenault and Valerie Oudin.

Personal... Parents are Peter Meyer and Jodi Jang-Meyer... environmental sciences major.

GETTING TO KNOW MIRANDA

My very first gymnastics memory was when: I won my very first AA Gold Medal when I was in P2.

I knew I first loved gymnastics when: I watched the Olympics on TV and now I wanted to do that.

My most memorable gymnastics moment was: Winning the Beam Title at Nationals 2009.

Before every meet I: Calm myself and think about what I have to do to hit my routines.

The thing I like most about gymnastics road trips is: Having fun with everyone and seeing new places.

My favorite gymnastics road trip was: A trip to Red Deer for provincials. We counted about 50 cars in the ditch from the blizzard!

My goals for this season are: To stay healthy and compete and hit 3 events for the team

The one thing that has impressed me most about the University of Iowa is: How much everyone gets involved in all

the different sports teams.

My favorite restaurant in the Iowa City/ Coralville area is: The Three Samurai

My favorite type of music is: Pop

The best concert I've ever attended was: Lady Gaga

If I could be on the cover of any magazine it would be: and the title would read: International Gymnast; FIRST WOMENS GYMNASTICS OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST FOR CANADA!

The title of my autobiography would be: Life Through My Eyes

15. One item of clothing that I refuse to part with is: My bright orange high tops!



**JESSICA MORREALE**

ALL-AROUND
FRESHMAN
DEKALB, ILL.

High School: Five-time J.O. National Qualifier... 2011 High School National all-around, bars and floor Champion... finished fourth on bars at 2010 J.O. National Beam Champion... represented Region V in Slovenia and Venice Italy in 2010... finished second on beam at 2006 Eastern Nationals... trained at Energym... coached by Andy Morreale (father), Sam Morreale (uncle), Nita Teague and Gene Margiotta.

Personal... Parents are Andy and Kim Morreale... open major.

GETTING TO KNOW JESSICA

My very first gymnastics memory was when: My coach Sam offered \$5 to the first person to make their kip. He set the money on the mat in front of us and made making a new skill a lot of fun!

I knew I first loved gymnastics when: I fell in love with showing off the talent I had.

My most memorable gymnastics moment was: Nationals my senior year. Both club nationals and high school nationals were so bittersweet because I got to move on to the best part of my life (being collegiate gymnastics) but I also had to leave my dad behind as my coach. It was our last meet together.

Before every meet I: make sure to pack my good luck pigs! The thing I like most about gymnastics road trips is: Having fun with my second family. Road trips leave time for serious bonding!

My favorite gymnastics road trip was: to Michigan. Me and my two teammates sat in the back of the fifteen seated van (all the seats were taken out) and we spread out our blankets. Barely felt like we were in a car.

My goals for this season are: to make my team proud to have me and hopefully win a big ten title! I want to contribute to the team score as much as I can.

The one thing that has impressed me most about the University of Iowa is: how friendly everybody is.

The best class I've ever taken at Iowa is: I'm not sure yet! I am really looking forward to Creative Writing though.

My favorite type of music is: everything. My favorite band is Red Hot Chili Peppers.

If I could be on the cover of any magazine it would be: Italian Vogue **and the title would read:** "Italian Gymnast: Perfect 10: in Fashion!"

The title of my autobiography would be: "Life as I Knew It: No less, It's Jess"

One item of clothing that I refuse to part with is: My pig socks!

The one thing I could not live life without is: My family and friends. Especially my mother who happens to be my comfort and go-to person, and my father who understands me better than I do.

My most prized possession is: a bracelet that was my mom's. I always wear it.





EMILY BIGRAS
 ALL-AROUND
 FRESHMAN
 SARNIA, ONTARIO, CANADA

High School... 2011 Canadian National Championships (National Open) first-team selection, finishing eighth in the all-around, fourth on bars, seventh on beam and eighth on floor... competed at 2010 Canadian National Championships (National Open), finishing 10th in the all-around, sixth on bars, seventh on beam... competed at 2009 Canadian National Championships Sr. High Performance, finishing third on floor and fourth on bars... won championship in the all-around, bars and beam and finished second on vault at the 2009 Ontario Championships... finished third in the all-around at the 2008 Austrian National Championships... finished eighth in the all-around at 2008 Canadian National Championships Jr. High Performance... trained at Bluewater Gymnastics Club in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada... coached by Dave and Liz Brubaker... dub teammate of Freshman Emma Willis.

Personal... Parents are Rick and Nicole Bigras... human physiology major.

GETTING TO KNOW EMILY

My very first gymnastics memory was when: I competed in an in-house competition at my old gym.

I knew I first loved gymnastics when: I first started doing gymnastics and I just fell in love with the sport.

My most memorable gymnastics moment was: when I placed 3rd on floor at Nationals 2009

Before every meet I: try not to over think

The thing I like most about gymnastics road trips is: having fun with the girls.

My favorite gymnastics road trip was: the first time I went to Montreal

My goals for this season are: to help the team as much as possible and do my absolute best.

The one thing that has impressed me most about the University of Iowa is: how friendly people are.

My favorite type of music is: Pop

The best concert I've ever attended was: Down with Webster

If I could be on the cover of any magazine it would be: and the title would read: International Gymnast, Iowa NCAA Champs!

The title of my autobiography would be: My words, my life.

One item of clothing that I refuse to part with is: leggings as pants.

The one thing I could not live life without is: family

My most prized possession is: my mac.





SYDNEY HOERR
ALL-AROUND
FRESHMAN
BLOOMINGTON, ILL.

High School... Two-time J.O. National Qualifier (2009, 2010)... finished seventh on bars at 2009 J.O. Nationals... placed third in the all-around 2010 Region V... finished first on bars and second on floor and all-around at 2009 Region V... 2007 Eastern Nationals Floor champion and second in the all-around... 2006 Eastern Nationals floor champion...trained at Rising Stars Academy...coached by Russ Berndt and Bridget Conley.

Personal... Parents are Scott Hoerr and Brenda Berndt... open major.

GETTING TO KNOW SYDNEY

My very first gymnastics memory was when: My brother dared me to do a double front off the trampoline into the pit. I did but when I landed my head hit my knee and I had a black eye for a week.

I knew I first loved gymnastics when: I swung on the bars for the first time. I thought they were the coolest things, it's all I wanted to do.

My most memorable gymnastics moment was: Signing those paper that stating I was going to University of Iowa on a full ride gymnastics scholarship! Before every meet I: pray and ask God to be with me and protect me.

The thing I like most about gymnastics road trips is: Having that opportunity to sit, talk, and really get to know each other.

My favorite gymnastics road trip was: The bus rides to Flip Fest with all of the girls. The long ride gave us plenty of time to talk and really get to know each other.

My goals for this season are: Helping the team win the Big Ten Championship

The one thing that has impressed me most about the University of Iowa is: The people. Not just my amazing coaches and teammates, it's everyone. The people here are so humble and will go out of their way to make you feel welcome and at home.

My favorite type of music is: Country

The best concert I've ever attended was: Rascal Flatts

If I could be on the cover of any magazine it would be: Cosmo girl and the title would read: Fearless

The title of my autobiography would be: Life and Success of Sydney Hoerr



I chose Iowa because I love the coaches and the atmosphere of the gym. The girls are great and I felt a connection with the team right away. I loved the campus because of the buildings and the character that the University has. I liked the size of the school and loved the feel of a University town.

KAITLYNN URANO - Junior

I chose to come to Iowa for many reasons. First, I really hit it off with the coaches and when I came to visit, I realized how amazing the team was. Everyone works so well together and I could tell that there was a great connection between the girls and the coaches that made for a supportive and fun atmosphere. I also liked the fact that the team was able to work hard, but have fun and be goofy at the same time. The University of Iowa also is a distinguished school with a great journalism program that was the perfect size for me.

ANNIE SZATKOWSKI - Senior

I chose Iowa because I loved all the aspects of it. First, the academic programs here are great. I want to go into chemical engineering and I really like the engineering department here. I wanted to compete in college and Iowa was the perfect fit. I love the girls on the team, the coaches, and the amazing atmosphere in the gym.

JORDAN ESZLINGER - Senior



I chose Iowa for many reasons. I love the coaches and atmosphere in the gym and I felt like I fit in really well. Also, Iowa is perfect for my major and the campus is beautiful! I could tell Iowa is a tight-knit community and everyone is really friendly. I love it!

EMMA STEVENSON - Junior

I was very fortunate to have had the opportunity to visit several schools on official visits before visiting the University of Iowa. When I visited Iowa, I knew from the very first day. I wanted to attend Iowa. I loved the coaches and the university, but for me the deciding factor was the team. I felt like I was already a part of the team. It was as if I had known the girls forever and my host that weekend was so welcoming to me and treated me like I was one of her good friends. I was lucky enough to be visiting during the weekend of the Iowa State Meet and saw how hard the team worked and how much fun they had competing against their in-state rivals. I was absolutely sure without any doubts Iowa was where God wanted me to be.

TESLA COX - Sophomore

I chose Iowa because I loved the coaches, the team atmosphere, and the academic opportunities Iowa had to offer. I was always a Hawkeye fan growing up, but after taking my official visit, I had no doubts this was the place I wanted to be.


JESSA HANSEN - Senior


The team poses with Dr. Ponseti's wife at the Ponseti races. The event raises money so children with clubfoot can walk, run and go to school.





The University of Iowa women's gymnastics team takes great pride in being able to give back to the Iowa City community and participate in various community service activities. In conjunction with several activities, the team selects one major cause to be involved with. Last season, the GymHawks put their efforts behind the Ponseti races, with the proceeds going to clubfoot research. The team also helped build a haunted house for local youth. The GymHawks are always one of the first to jump at an opportunity to help others.


 **Ponseti Races**

 **Halloween Haunted House**

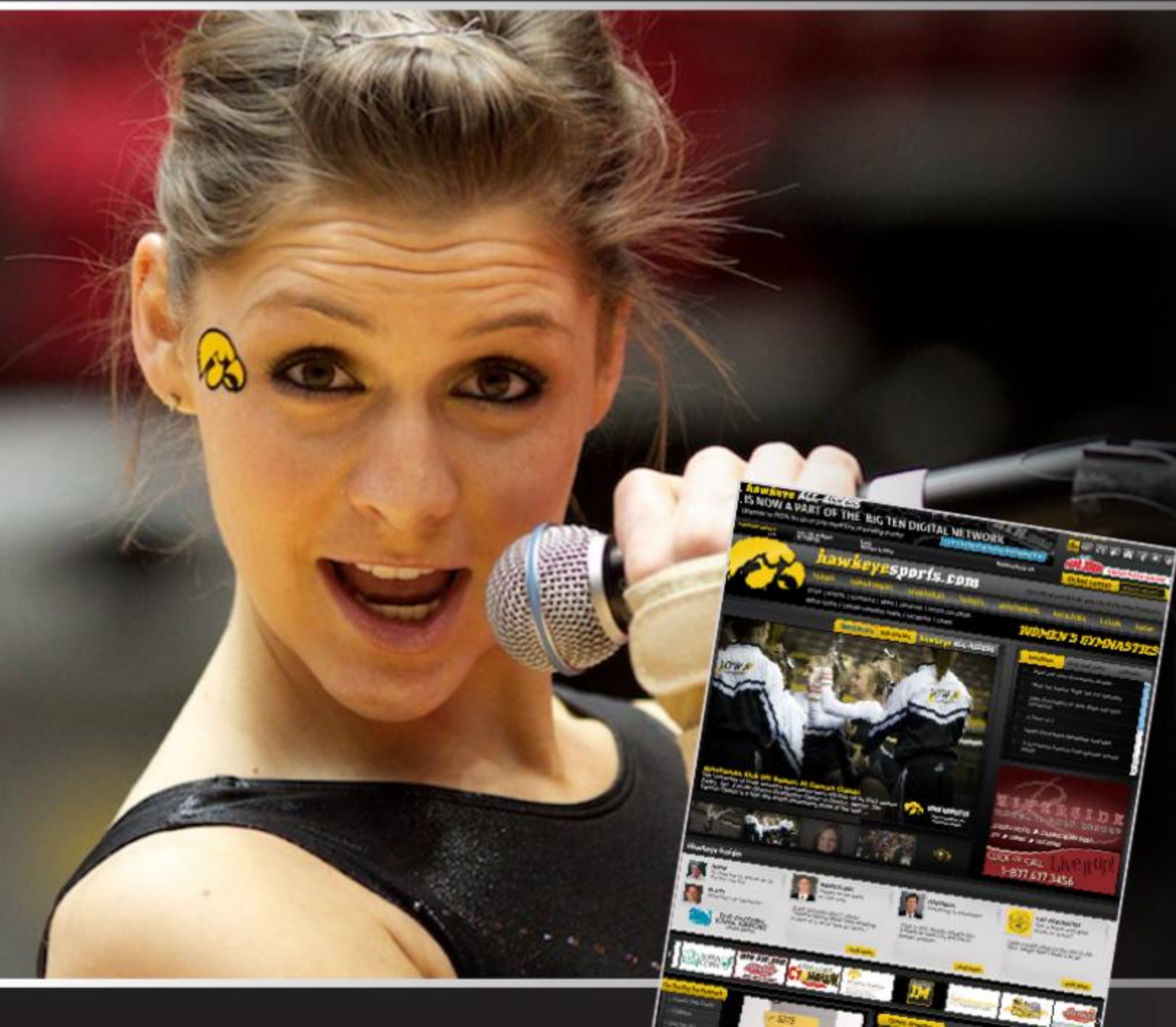
 **"Achieve Your Dreams"**

 **Bicycle/Moped Helmet Awareness**

 **Light the Night**

 **Elementary School Volunteers**





Iowa City is a media saturated environment. And with no professional teams in the area, the Hawkeyes garner extensive coverage from newspapers, television and the Internet.

BLOG

A member of the Iowa gymnastics staff offers interactive content live from every event throughout the season via the Official Iowa Gymnastics Blog. This feature gives diehard Hawkeye fans the opportunity to voice their opinion by submitting questions and comments, while receiving up-to-the-minute play-by-play, notes and stats about the meet and Hawkeyes. The live blog begins approximately 15 minutes before each competition and runs throughout the meet.

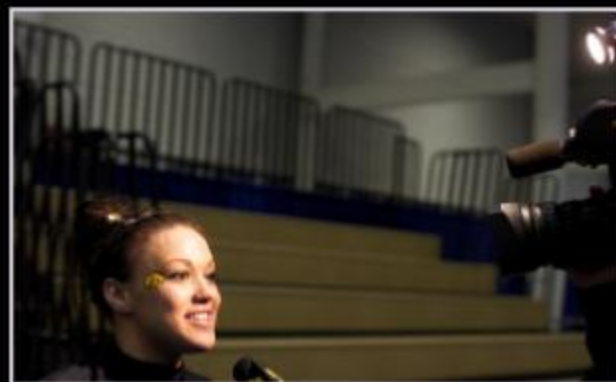
TELEVISION

With the launch of the Big Ten Network, the Big Ten is the only conference in the country that has its own national network devoted to Big Ten athletes programming. In addition to the Big Ten Network, the Hawkeyes have had meets on CSTV and Mediacom the past couple seasons.

HAWKEYESPORTS.COM

Media and fans can also obtain a wealth of up-to-date information about the Hawkeyes on the official web site of the University of Iowa — hawkeyesports.com. Live stats (gametracker), box scores, play-by-play, photo galleries, coach and bio information, video, podcasts and more can be found on the web site. The gymnastics team also has its own facebook site.

Furthermore, hawkeyesports.com has a fresh look after the site was re-designed and re-launched in October 2010. The new and improved site has enhanced graphics, is easier to navigate, and has more content and video/audio for the diehard Hawkeye fan.



NEWSPAPER COVERAGE

Fans can also read about Hawkeye action in several newspapers/web sites throughout the state of Iowa. A few of the papers that cover the Hawkeyes on a regular basis include: The Des Moines Register, the Iowa City Press-Citizen, the Cedar Rapids Gazette, the Quad City Times, The Daily Iowan, the Voice of The Hawkeyes, the Burlington Hawkeye, the Waterloo Courier, and the Moline Dispatch.



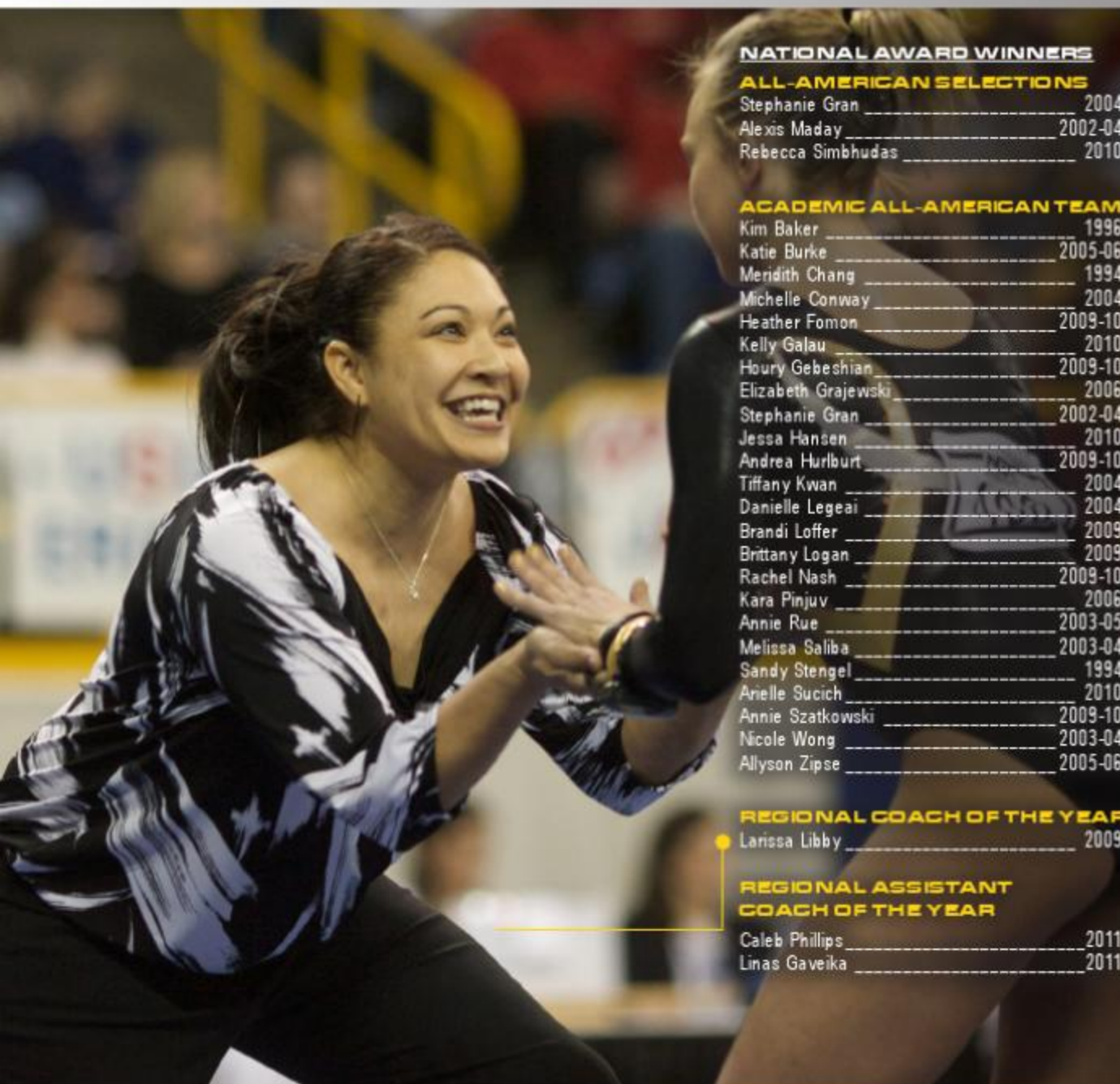
The Gymhawks appeared on the Big Ten Network three times last season. Big Ten gymnastics can be seen worldwide in high-definition (HD) on the Big Ten Network and on BigTenNetwork.com.

In June 2006, the Big Ten announced the creation of the Big Ten Network, a national network devoted to Big Ten athletic and academic programs. Available to all cable and satellite providers nationwide, with most programs offered in stunning high-definition television (HDTV), the network allows fans to see their home teams, regardless of where they live.

The Network currently has agreements with more than 250 affiliates, including AT&T U-Verse, Charter, Comcast, Cox (Cleveland), DirecTV, DISH Network, Insight, Mediacom, Time Warner Cable and Verizon FiOS. Available to approximately 70 million households nationwide, the Big Ten Network is the first nationally distributed network dedicated to covering one of the premier collegiate conferences in the country. With approximately 350 live events, and nearly all of them in high definition, the network is the ultimate destination for Big Ten fans and alumni across the country, allowing them to see their favorite teams, regardless of where they live.

The network operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, showcasing a wide array of classic-to-current sports and televising more Olympic sporting events and women's sports than has ever been aired on any other network.




NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS
ALL-AMERICAN SELECTIONS

Stephanie Gran	2004
Alexis Maday	2002-04
Rebecca Simbhudas	2010

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

Kim Baker	1996
Katie Burke	2005-06
Meridith Chang	1994
Michelle Conway	2004
Heather Fomon	2009-10
Kelly Galau	2010
Houry Gebeshian	2009-10
Elizabeth Grajewski	2006
Stephanie Gran	2002-04
Jessa Hansen	2010
Andrea Hurlburt	2009-10
Tiffany Kwan	2004
Danielle Legeai	2004
Brandi Loffer	2009
Brittany Logan	2009
Rachel Nash	2009-10
Kara Pinjuv	2006
Annie Rue	2003-05
Melissa Saliba	2003-04
Sandy Stengel	1994
Arielle Sucich	2010
Annie Szatkowski	2009-10
Nicole Wong	2003-04
Allyson Zipse	2005-06

REGIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR

Larissa Libby	2009
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REGIONAL ASSISTANT COACH OF THE YEAR

Caleb Phillips	2011
Linas Gaveika	2011

BIG TEN AWARD WINNERS
MEDAL OF HONOR

Kim Baker	1996
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COACH OF THE YEAR

Mike Lorenzen (co)	2001
Mike Lorenzen (tri)	2004
Larissa Libby (co)	2008

GYMNAST OF THE YEAR

Lori Cole	1991
Alexis Maday	2004

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

Kim Baker	1993
Giselle Boniforti	1998
Alexis Maday	2001

ALL-BIG TEN SELECTIONS

Janna Alexandrova	2001
Kim Baker	1994-96
Katie Burke	2007
Giselle Boniforti	1998-2000
Lori Cole	1989-91
Corynne Cooper	2002
Houry Gebeshian	2009-2011
Liz Grajewski	2005-06
Stephanie Gran	2001, 2003-04
Jessa Hansen	2010-11
Wendy Hussar	1985
Tracy Junker	1989
Alexis Maday	2001-04
Kris Meighan	1985
Kara Pinjuv	2007
Annie Rue	2003
Jenifer Simbhudas	2007-09
Rebecca Simbhudas	2010-11
Sandy Stengel	1991
Katie Turcotte	2007
Kortny Williamson	2004
Robyn Zussman	1989

ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN TEAM

Janna Alexandrova	2002
Kim Baker	1994-96
Stephanie Benson	2001-02
Carey Betcher	1990
Misti Blackledge	1993, 1995
Kim Burkard	1987-88
Katie Burke	2005-09
Stacy Burns	1990-92
Meridith Chang	1992, 1994
Tiffany Chapman	1997
Corynne Cooper	2002
Rachel Corcoran	2010-11
Heather DeAtley	2001-02
Beth Dilick	2005-07
Jenny Donar	2008-10
Jennifer DuBois	1987-88
Jordan Eszlinger	2010-11
Michele Ford	2001-02
Heather Fomon	2010
Kelly Galau	2010
Houry Gebeshian	2010-11
Joni Goldwasser	1987
Liz Grajewski	2004-06
Stephanie Gran	2002-04
Jessa Hansen	2010-11
Carie Hatch	1996-98
Jamie Lynne Hedley	1990-92
Angie Hungerford	1999-2002
Andrea Hurlburt	2010-11
Tracy Junker	1989-91
Kelley Kello	2002
Brandy Killian	2002-04
Tiffany Kwan	2004
Jessica Kyanka	2002
Betsy Lam	1998-2000
Grace Lee	1996-98
Danielle Legeai	2005-07
Mindi Levitz	2002-05
Brittany Logan	2008-09
Alexis Maday	2002
Stephani Martinsen	1992
Jennifer Miermyk	1993

Melissa Miller	2010
Rachel Nash	2010
Kara Pinjuv	2007-09
Tawna Rathe	1995
Christine Roselli	1997-99
Annie Rue	2002-05
Melissa Saliba	2004
Jennie Schurman	2010-11
Becky Sheldon	1992-93
Sandy Stengel	1992-94
Emma Stevenson	2011
Annie Szatkowski	2010-11
Cathy Terrell	1993
Linda Tremain	1984
Kaitlynn Urano	2011
Lori Whitwer	1997-99
Nicole Wong	2002-04
Bobbie Zimmerman	2005-06
Ally Zipse	2006-09

ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Jamie Lynne Headley	1992
Kim Baker	1996
Grace Lee	1998

LOU GINSBERG HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Named for former Hawkeye loyalist and athlete Lou Ginsberg, this award is presented to the student-athlete possessing the humanitarian qualities that include kindness, compassion, empathy, warmth and a commitment to helping others.

Stephanie Smith	1987
Martie Janovich	1990
Cindy, Cathy Terrell	1995
Elizabeth Bryant	1999

VAULT

1. Kim Baker	10.0 (2x)	1996
Stephanie Gran	10.0 (3x)	2001-03
2. Alexis Maday	9.975 (2x)	2004
Stephanie Gran	9.975	2004
3. Stephanie Gran	9.950 (4x)	2001-04
Alexis Maday	9.950 (4x)	2002-04
Kortny Williamson	9.950 (2x)	2004
4. Kim Baker	9.925	1995
Alexis Maday	9.925	2001
Stephanie Gran	9.925 (3x)	2004
Kortny Williamson	9.925	2004
Jessa Hansen	9.925	2011
Maya Wickus	9.925	2011

UNEVEN BARS

1. Alexis Maday	9.975 (3x)	2004
2. Giselle Boniforti	9.950 (3x)	1998, 2000
Annie Rue	9.950	2003
Alexis Maday	9.950 (9x)	2002-04
3. Giselle Boniforti	9.925 (4x)	1998-01
Alexis Maday	9.925 (6x)	2001-04
Annie Rue	9.925	2002
4. Giselle Boniforti	9.900 (7x)	1998-01
Alexis Maday	9.900 (8x)	2001-04
Brandy Killian	9.900	2001
Nicole Wong	9.900 (2x)	2003-04
Annie Rue	9.900	2003
Brandi Loffer	9.900	2009
Rebecca Simbhudas	9.900	2011

ROBERT F. RAY FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE AWARD

Named for former Dean and UI Faculty Representative to the Big Ten Conference Robert F. Ray, this award is presented to the senior student-athlete who has demonstrated outstanding academic excellence, athletic excellence and leadership. Prior to 1992, a female student-athlete winner was selected every other year.

Kim Baker 1996

BALANCE BEAM

1. Janna Alexandrova	9.975 (2x)	2001-02
2. Alexis Maday	9.950	2004
Houry Gebeshian	9.950	2010
3. Janna Alexandrova	9.925 (3x)	2001-03
Kelley Kello	9.925	2002
Stephanie Gran	9.925	2004
Rebecca Simbhudas	9.925	2009
4. Robyn Gamble	9.900	1997
Janna Alexandrova	9.900 (3x)	2001-03
Stephanie Gran	9.900 (4x)	2001-04
Alexis Maday	9.900 (6x)	2003-04
Annie Rue	9.900	2003
Danielle Legeai	9.900	2004
Houry Gebeshian	9.900 (2x)	2008
Rebecca Simbhudas	9.900 (4x)	2011

FLOOR EXERCISE

1. Alexis Maday	9.975 (2x)	2001, 04
Stephanie Gran	9.975	2004
2. Kim Baker	9.950	1996
Alexis Maday	9.950 (6x)	2001-04
Stephanie Gran	9.950 (6x)	2003-04
Liz Grajewski	9.950	2004
Jenifer Simbhudas	9.950	2008
Jessa Hansen	9.950	2011
3. Alexis Maday	9.925 (9x)	2001-04
Stephanie Gran	9.925 (9x)	2001-04
Kortny Williamson	9.925	2004
Jenifer Simbhudas	9.925 (x2)	2009
Jessa Hansen	9.925	2011

SCHOLAR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Each spring at the All-Sports Banquet the member of the senior class sporting the highest grade point average among all student-athletes is named the Scholar Athlete of the Year. Graduating seniors with a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or better are also recognized as members of the All-Academic Team.

Jamie Lynne Headley 1992
Kim Baker 1996

ALL-AROUND

1. Alexis Maday	39.750	2004
2. Alexis Maday	39.675	2004
3. Alexis Maday	39.650 (5x)	2001-04
Stephanie Gran	39.650	2004
4. Alexis Maday	39.625	2002
5. Alexis Maday	39.600	2001
Stephanie Gran	39.600	2004
6. Stephanie Gran	39.575	2004
7. Alexis Maday	39.550 (2x)	2003-04
Stephanie Gran	39.550	2004
8. Kim Baker	39.525	1996
Giselle Boniforti	39.525	1998
Stephanie Gran	39.525 (2x)	2001, 04
Alexis Maday	39.525	2003
Jenifer Simbhudas	39.525	2009
Rebecca Simbhudas	39.525	2011
9. Alexis Maday	39.500	2001
Annie Rue	39.500	2002
Stephanie Gran	39.500	2003

DR. PATRICIA HICKS AWARD

Named for long-time women's team physician Pat Hicks, who died of cancer in November 1992. The recipient is a student-athlete who has succeeded in overcoming adversity and has shown perseverance and great strength of character.

Misti Blackledge 1994


VAULT

1. 49.525at Utah2004
2. 49.450at Maryland.....2004
3. 49.400at Illinois.....2003
4. 49.375vs. NC State2004
5. 49.350at Washington2004

UNEVEN BARS

1. 49.425vs. Illinois State.....2001
2. 49.350vs. Iowa State2003
- 49.350at Minnesota.....2003
4. 49.300at Maryland.....2004
- 49.300vs. NC State2004
- 49.300vs. Iowa State2001

BALANCE BEAM

1. 49.425at Illinois State2004
2. 49.350at Southern Utah.....2003
- 49.350at Illinois.....2001
4. 49.300vs. Michigan State.....2003
5. 49.275vs. Minnesota.....2004

FLOOR EXERCISE

1. 49.550vs. Iowa State2004
2. 49.475at Maryland.....2004
- 49.475vs. Michigan2004
4. 49.450vs. Minnesota.....2004
- 49.450at Washington2004

TEAM

1. 197.150at Maryland.....2004
2. 196.900at Washington2004
3. 196.850at Big Ten Champ's 2003
4. 196.800at Illinois.....2003
5. 196.775vs. NC State2004



The Barta family includes Connie, Madison, Gary and Luke.



GARY BARTA ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Gary Barta is in his sixth year as director of athletics at the University of Iowa – and his 25th year in athletics administration – riding a wave of momentum. Cause for that energy is the fact the Hawkeyes enjoyed record-setting performances in the classroom and on the playing field, the completion of the second-largest construction project in the history of intercollegiate athletics at the UI, and the breaking of ground on a new indoor practice facility for the Hawkeye football program.

With respect to the UI academic momentum, Barta expects the graduation rates for student-athletes made public this fall to be among the highest ever achieved at the UI. Those numbers are also expected to compare favorably with the UI's Big Ten Conference and national peers in the high profile sports of football, and men's and women's basketball.

In May, the NCAA confirmed that all 24 of Iowa's teams exceeded the Academic Progress Rate (APR) benchmark for the third straight year and honored a school-record four UI teams – men's cross country, softball, men's tennis and women's tennis – that ranked in the top 10 percent of their sport, based on their most-recent multi-year APR.

Competitively, the UI set a school record with 510 points scored in the 2011 Learfield Directors' Cup. This success was driven in great measure by another successful season for the UI football team – which won a record third straight bowl game, 27-24, over Missouri in the Insight Bowl; a third-place finish at the NCAA championships by Iowa's wrestling program; a fourth straight appearance in the NCAA postseason by the women's basketball program; strong performances by the UI's men's and women's track and field teams; and a school-record 10th place finish by the UI men's golf team.

The highlight of the UI's year in Big Ten Conference competition was the first league title in men's track and field in 44 years. Larry Wiecek's squad climbed to the top of the podium by dominating the final day of competition on the UI's Cretzmeier Track. An All-American distance runner as a student-athlete at the UI, Wiecek was named the Big Ten Track and Field Coach of the Year in recognition of his team's performance and for qualifying no fewer than 33 male and female student-athletes for postseason competition.

In addition to the competitive success the Hawkeyes recorded in 2010-11, the UI also experienced tremendous success at the turnstiles. Iowa entered the 2010 home football season with all seven home games sold out. The UI will do the same in 2011 and boasts waiting lists for not only season tickets to the home games of Kirk Ferentz's squad, but also the premium seating options available inside the Paul W. Brechler Press Box at Kinnick Stadium.

Attendance at home games of first-year men's basketball coach Fran McCaffery soared 23 percent – the fifth-highest increase by percentage in the country and the largest by a team that did not advance to postseason play. Attendance at women's basketball games increased by almost 60 percent. Iowa ended the year ranked 13th – the program's highest finish in more than a decade.

As always, success at the gate provides Barta the financial resources to meet the mandate of Iowa's institutional leadership: Operate the intercollegiate athletics program with integrity, with a commitment to academic excellence, and without any support from tax dollars, i.e. be "self-sustaining."

Inherent in Barta's charge is to provide the more than 650 student-athletes who compete in the 24 intercollegiate athletics programs at the UI the best opportunity for success, including training and competition facilities that compare favorably or exceed those offered by comparable institutions. The 2010-11 season marked the first for the men's and women's swimming and diving teams in the UI's \$69 million Campus Recreation and Wellness Center.

In late summer 2011, the UI completed a \$47 million revitalization of Carver-Hawkeye Arena. That project includes the construction of a practice facility for men's and women's basketball and volleyball, a 10,000-square-foot strength training and cardiovascular center, and an expansion to the Dan Gable Wrestling Complex, in addition to new locker room and support facilities for men's and women's basketball, wrestling and volleyball programs, and office space for the majority of Iowa administrative and coaching staffs.

The Carver project includes the installation of a statue of Gable at the facility's main entrance. That project will be completed in time for thousands of fans of the sport of wrestling to enjoy when the UI stages the 2012 USA Wrestling Olympic Team Trials in April 2012 – an event that represents not only the UI's commitment to its nationally-respected wrestling program, but Barta's desire to strike partnerships when success would be mutually beneficial.

The UI Department of Athletics will break ground on Phase I of a two-phase project for the UI football program in late summer 2011. Phase I includes the construction of a new indoor practice facility; Phase II includes construction of all football operations areas including locker rooms, team meeting rooms, athletic medical training space, video operations, and coaches offices and meeting rooms. Funded entirely through private support, the project is an important next phase of the master facilities plan for Hawkeye football. It will be constructed adjacent to the Ron and Margaret Kenyon Outdoor Practice Facility and immediately west of Kinnick Stadium.

Barta has also received permission from the State of Iowa Board of Regents to construct a new practice facility for the men's and women's golf programs. The facility will be located on the southern edge of the UI's award-winning Finkbine Golf Course and will begin construction as soon as the funding required is secured from friends and fans of the Iowa Hawkeyes and the UI's golf programs.

Barta's involvement in the UI campus community extends beyond intercollegiate athletics. He is a member of the President's Cabinet comprised of vice presidents and other campus leaders that provide counsel to UI President Sally Mason. That group was instrumental in the UI's response to record-setting flooding that besieged the campus and the Iowa City and Coralville community in June 2008.

Barta also represents the UI and the Hawkeyes at the conference and national level. During his first five years at the UI, he has participated in the creation and implementation of the Big Ten Network, the expansion of the Big Ten Conference and realignment of athletics conferences nationally, and the Big Ten's postseason bowl game agreements that were successfully implemented in 2010.

Nationally, Barta remains active in the Division IA Athletics Directors Association, the National Association of College Directors of Athletics, and currently serves on the NCAA Football Committee Board of Directors.

Barta often suggests to his staff that "Hope is not a strategy," which is why he is currently overseeing a comprehensive review of the strategic plan for the UI Athletics Department and has worked with the UI's leadership on a long-term financial plan.

Another favorite saying of his is, "Vision without resources is irrelevant." Over the course of his career he has been directly involved in raising hundreds of millions of dollars in support of intercollegiate athletics. This has remained a primary focus during his tenure at Iowa, where private support for the Hawkeyes continues to flourish despite a challenging economy.

In recent years, the department has received a long list of commitments to assist in capital projects and scholarship support, including gifts of \$5 million each from long-time friends of the UI – Dale and Marilyn Howard, Bruce Rastetter and Richard O. Jacobson.

Under Barta's leadership – and thanks to a talented athletics development staff – the UI has seen year-over-year improvement in annual giving in spite of the difficult economic environment and has generated more than \$20 million of philanthropic and corporate sponsorship support for the Carver-Hawkeye Arena project.

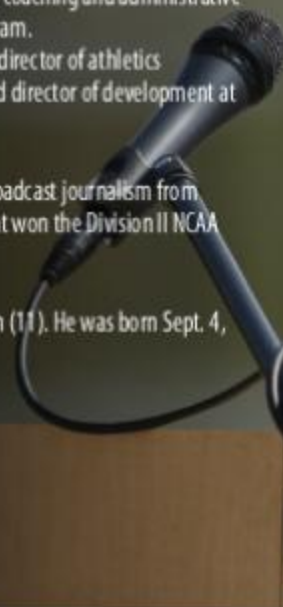
As the director of athletics at the University of Wyoming for three years, seven different UW coaches were named Mountain West Conference Coach of the Year. He also spearheaded a fund-raising effort that netted the Cowboy athletics program \$11 million in private support and \$11 million in matching state fund.

As the senior associate athletics director at the University of Washington, he directed the "Campaign for the Student-Athlete," was a participant in the design, construction and/or renovation of several UW athletics facilities, including Bank of America Arena and the Dempsey Indoor Practice Facility. In addition to almost doubling the amount of annual private support received by UW, Barta also managed the department's external relations division, a task that included corporate sponsorship and radio contracts.

His responsibilities at Washington expanded over time to include hiring of coaching and administrative staff and coordinating the schedule for the Huskies men's basketball program. The roots of his development experience extend to his first two positions: director of athletics development and external relations at the University of Northern Iowa and director of development at his alma mater, North Dakota State University.

Barta earned a bachelor of science degree in mass communication and broadcast journalism from NDSU in 1987. He was an option quarterback for Bison football squads that won the Division II NCAA National Championship in 1983, 1985 and 1986.

Barta, and his wife, Connie, have a son, Luke (13) and a daughter, Madison (11). He was born Sept. 4, 1963, in Minneapolis.



IOWA RANKS AMONG BIG TEN LEADERS

The UI Department of Athletics is under the direction of Gary Barta and is regarded as one of the top intercollegiate programs in the nation. Once again, the Hawkeyes enjoyed success both athletically and academically in 2010-11.

Sixty-four Hawkeyes earned all-conference accolades, while 44 were recognized as All-Americans. Hawkeye student-athletes excelled in the classroom as well with 172 earning Academic All-Big Ten laurels. Thirty-four Hawkeyes were honored by the Big Ten Conference with the Distinguished Scholar Award. The graduation rate of Iowa's student-athletes has improved in each of the past 10 years and has consistently ranked above the graduation rate of all UI students.

Iowa's men's cross country, men's and women's tennis, and softball teams were recognized by the NCAA for their high academic marks. The four teams earned Public Recognition Awards, based on their most recent multi-year Academic Progress Rates.

The UI closed the 2010-11 athletics year with a bang, establishing a school record in total points scored in the annual Learfield Sports Directors' Cup. The Hawkeyes accumulated 510 points in the competition that awards points based on each institution's finish in national championship competition in up to 20 total sports (10 women's and 10 men's).

Several new projects have come to completion on the Iowa campus. Some of the latest additions to the UI campus include the completion of the new Campus Recreation and Wellness Center, which houses the swimming and diving teams, and the state-of-the-art \$7 million rowing boathouse. In addition to the brand new swimming and rowing facilities, the Roy G. Karro Athletics Hall of Fame and Visitors Center, the Russell and Ann Gerdin Athletic Learning Center and the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Center completed construction in recent years. Furthermore, the UI completed a \$47 million Carver-Hawkeye Arena renovation project in the summer of 2011.

Kinnick Stadium received a major upgrade and renovation that was completed just prior to the 2006 season. The \$89 million project included the replacing of the south end zone stands and building of a four-level press box that houses 47 guest suites. New scoreboards, video walls, concession stands and restrooms were also part of the project.

IOWA WRESTLING

The Hawkeye wrestling team continued its dominance on the mat, finishing third at the NCAA Championships. Iowa has claimed 23 national championships, including three in the last four years, and 34 Big Ten titles. Five Hawkeyes earned All-American accolades en route to the team's third place finish.



IOWA FOOTBALL

Iowa football continued its stellar play, finishing in the upper division of the Big Ten for the ninth time in the last 10 years. The Hawkeyes capped their season with a thrilling 27-24 come-from-behind victory over Missouri in the Insight Bowl. The win was Iowa's third straight bowl victory, a school record.

IOWA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The women's basketball team had another outstanding season, finishing third in the league and advancing to the NCAA Tournament. Lisa Bluder, who is a three-time Big Ten Coach of the Year and two-time Regional Coach of the Year, coached Kachine Alexander and Jaime Printy to honorable mention All-America status. Alexander was also tabbed the Premier Player of the Year. Bluder has guided Iowa to eight first division finishes in her 11 years and has taken her program to eight NCAA Tournaments, including four straight.

IOWA MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

The men's track and field team finished eighth in the nation at the indoor national championships and won the outdoor Big Ten title in 2011. Coach Larry Wiczorek was named Big Ten Coach of the Year, while numerous Hawkeyes earned all-league and All-America honors.

IOWA MEN'S GOLF

Head coach Mark Hankins continued to have his men's golfers play at a high level. The Hawkeyes advanced to the NCAA Championships for the second time in three years and tied for 10th nationally – a school-record finish. Vince India was named the Big Ten Player of the Year and earned the prestigious Les Bolstad Trophy, which goes to the male golfer with the lowest stroke average in the Big Ten.

IOWA MEN'S BASKETBALL

The men's basketball team had its first season under head coach Fran McCaffery. Hawkeye fans flocked to Carver-Hawkeye Arena to watch the Black and Gold. Attendance increased 20 percent, which ranked fifth-best in the country.



DID YOU KNOW...

43 percent of UI students are from out of state

Eight Iowa graduate programs rank first or second in the nation, according to America's Best Graduate Schools, produced by U.S. News & World Report. In addition, the Iowa Writer's Workshop is ranked number one in the nation by Poets & Writers.

With over 30,000 students in a city of roughly 75,000, UI offers a different atmosphere than many other universities in the Big Ten or the Midwest.

The unemployment rate in Iowa City (4.7%) ranks among the nation's lowest. Iowa City was listed by Forbes Magazine (2009).

Building on a rich tradition of excellence and innovation, the University of Iowa is educating more than 30,000 students annually, preparing them for success immediately following graduation, as well as continued achievements throughout their lives.

The University of Iowa offers more than 100 areas of undergraduate and graduate study, including seven professional degree programs, through its 11 colleges: the colleges of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Business, Dentistry, Education, Engineering, Law, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy and Public Health, and the Graduate College. The University also provides on-campus and distance learning opportunities through its division of Continuing Education.

Long recognized as one of the nation's leading centers for the arts, creative writing, space physics, hydraulics, basic health and science research, and communication studies, the University of Iowa is also developing new strengths in informatics, nanoscience, simulation technology, and other fields.

The University of Iowa has maintained its tradition as an innovator with its pioneering work in speech pathology, science and medicine. It's also known internationally for being home of one of the nation's largest public university owned hospitals.

Cultural Diversity at the University of Iowa

The University of Iowa has worked hard to assure that students of all races, creeds, and backgrounds are represented in the student body. In the past five years, Iowa has moved aggressively towards its goal of creating communities of African American, Hispanic/Latino(a), Asian American, and Native American students, and making the University a stimulating, welcoming place.

The Center for Diversity and Enrichment is a coordinated university-wide resource for creating and maintaining this campus diversity

and providing opportunities for all University students interested in other cultures. Scholarships, fellowships, and support programs help to make this possible. International Programs brings together scholars from around the world and UI students looking to expand their perspectives by studying abroad or exploring global issues on campus. International students at the University of Iowa represent more than 100 countries.

How the University of Iowa Measures Up

"One of the most dynamic schools in the country" and the only Big Ten school listed as a "best buy" — Fiske Guide to the Colleges, 2011

29th best public national university — U.S. News & World Report, 2011

"Professors make themselves accessible and possess a genuine interest in students' experiences," — Insider's Guide to the Colleges, 2010

24 graduate programs are ranked among the top 10 of their kind at U.S. public institutions, with five continuing to rank in first place — U.S. News & World Report's America's Best Graduate Schools, 2012

University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics ranked as one of "America's Best Hospitals" — U.S. News & World Report, 2010

A "green-campus trailblazer" and one of the first institutions of higher education to join the Chicago Climate Exchange — Princeton Review Guide to 286 Green Colleges, 2010

One of the top five college towns in America among cities under 250,000 — American Institute for Economic Research, College Destination Index, 2010



CONSIDER THE COMMUNITY

Some universities offer the large city atmosphere. Others offer the college town experience. The University of Iowa is uniquely situated to offer student athletes the very best of both of these different worlds.

Once the state capital, Iowa City is considered one of the truly great college towns in America. The city swells with excitement on game day when nearly 16,000 Hawkeye fans from across the state and Midwest converge on Carver-Hawkeye Arena to cheer the Hawkeyes to another victory.

Iowa City's downtown area is alive and thriving. Restaurants, shops and sidewalk cafes face onto pedestrian malls full of people watchers, street entertainers and food vendors.

Attractive in size and friendliness, Iowa City is big in the sense that it offers all the advantages and conveniences of much larger metropolitan areas like summer and permanent employment opportunities, live entertainment and concerts, fine dining and shopping, industry and commerce.

Iowa City is located in the heart of eastern Iowa, within easy driving distance of several major Midwestern cities including the state capital, Des Moines, as well as Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Minneapolis and Milwaukee.



"Iowa City is unlike any other place in the state, both because of its regional beauty and because of its independent, serendipitous spirit."

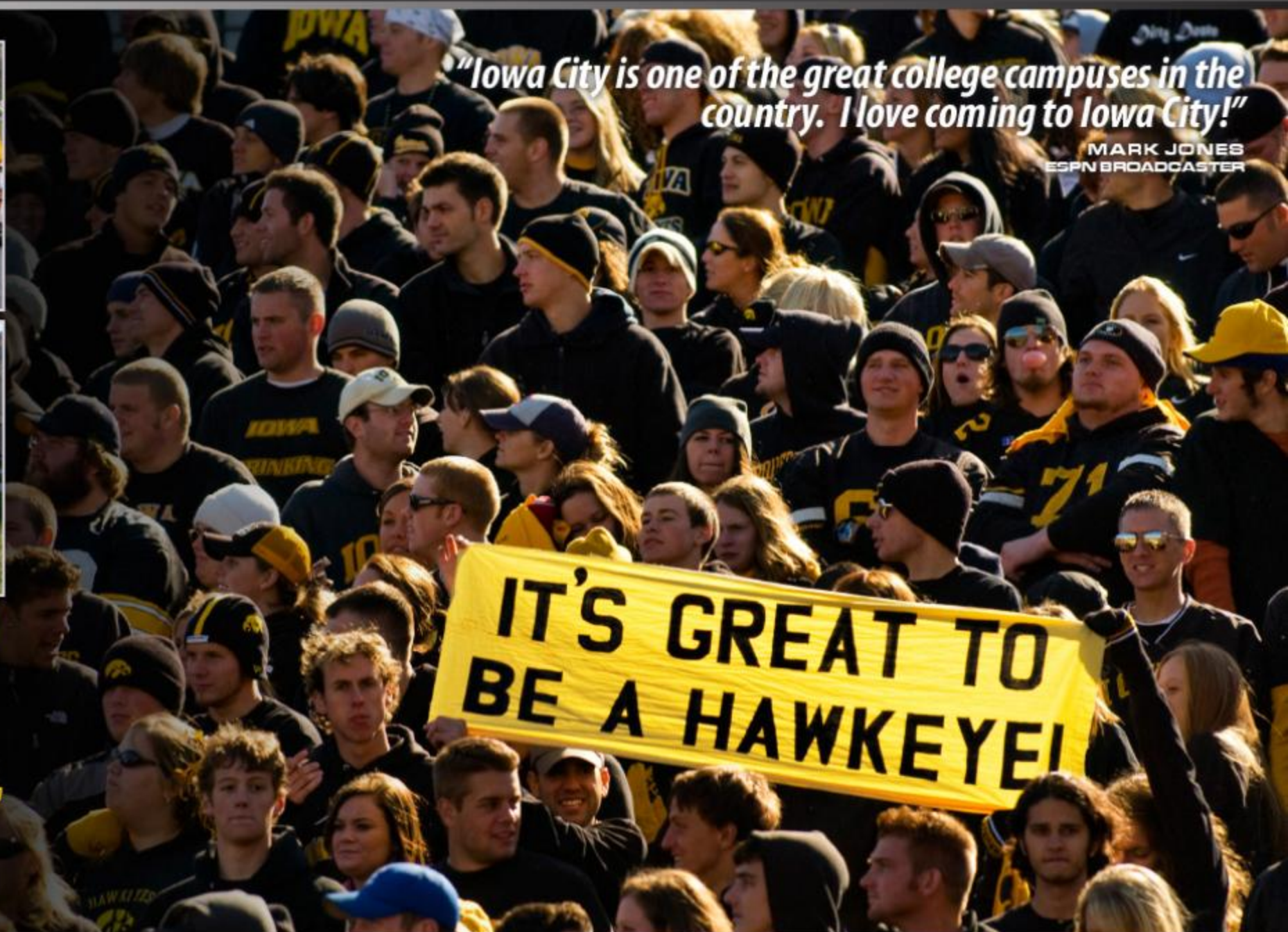
"There's nothing like feeling the crisp air as one tours the Big Ten campus, just as there's no other feeling like walking the shores along Lake MacBride, north of town. This is an ideal location for a weekend trip filled with sights, sounds, shopping and plenty of activities on any given weekend."

"If there is a star in Iowa, Iowa City is it."

DES MOINES SUNDAY REGISTER

"Iowa City is one of the great college campuses in the country. I love coming to Iowa City!"

MARK JONES
ESPN BROADCASTER



"Move to Iowa City. Some of the happiest people in the world live in Iowa City."

CHRISTOPHER KEYES

EDITOR | MIDWEST MAGAZINE | AUGUST, 2007



IOWA CITY: THE BEST PLACE TO LIVE

- #2 small metro area for business and careers *Forbes*
- #8, "Up and Coming Tech Cities" *Forbes*
- #21, "Best Places to Live and Launch" *Fortune*
- #3, "Best Place in Nation to Retire" *Money*
- #4 public education *Expansion Management*
- "Best Town in the Midwest" *Outside Magazine*
- One of 50 "Best Places to Live and Play" *National Geographic Adventure*
- #18 among the top 25 green cities in the country *Country Home*
- Healthiest Town in the United States *Men's Journal*
- Iowa City ranks 9th out of 179 on best performing small cities list *"Milken Institute,"* October 2010
- Iowa City named third-best major metropolitan area in the country for college students *"American Institute for Economic Research,"* September 2010
- Iowa City ranks 2nd out of 75 mid-size cities for volunteer rate - *"Volunteering in America,"* Corporation for National & Community Service, June 2010
- "Top Towns for Jobs," *MSN CareerBuilder,* January 2010
- Iowa City is ranked as one of America's Top 100 Adventure Cities *National Geographic Adventure,* October 2009
- Iowa City/Coralville/North Liberty named an Iowa Great Place *Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs,* October 2009
- No. 5 "Best Places to Begin a Career" *Metros Under 500,000, Forbes Magazine,* July, 2010
- No. 13 "Top College Towns for Jobs" *Forbes Magazine,* May 2009
- 50 Best Places to Live and Play *National Geographic Adventure Magazine,* August 2007
- Top 10 Most Affordable Places to Live & Work *Sperling's Best Places,* March 2007
- Great Places to Live, Work: Iowa City ranked No. 5 *MSN*
- Expansion Management ranks Iowa City "quality of life" high
- Iowa is named the 6th-best state to raise a child *Annie E. Casey Foundation,* 2010
- Iowa ranks 9th in the nation for number of state parks, recreational areas and natural areas *CQ Press,* 2010
- Nine metros in Iowa are ranked among the best places in America to start a business or career *Forbes,* 2009
- Iowa ranks 10th in safest neighborhoods in the U.S. - *CQ Press,* 2010
- Iowa has the 3rd-highest public high school graduation rate in the U.S. - *CQ Press,* 2010
- Iowa has over 1400 miles of trails for hiking and biking within its state parks and recreational areas *Iowa Department of Transportation*



A CAMPUS ON THE MOVE

The University of Iowa campus caters to pedestrians and bicyclists; it's compact enough to cross in a 20-minute walk. A free ride on a campus bus can cut that time in half. Entertainment on campus and in Iowa City is geared toward student budgets, with many events offered at no charge. The University of Iowa offers more than 400 student organizations, extensive recreation facilities, 50 fraternities and sororities, and a broad schedule of arts performances, lectures, cultural celebrations and club sports and intramural athletic contests to go along with the intercollegiate competition within the Big Ten Conference.

STUDENT-ORIENTED NIGHT LIFE

Iowa's campus is set right in the city's downtown area, where you'll find dance clubs, movies, coffeehouses, and restaurants to suit every taste. Live music can be found any night of the week in clubs and restaurants, even outside on warm evenings on the downtown pedestrian mall. Iowa City businesses are convenient and geared toward student tastes and needs.





CONSIDER THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A QUALITY EDUCATION

A quality education is one of the highest priorities at the University of Iowa. Just over 90 percent of Johnson County residents have graduated from high school, and in Iowa City nearly half of all residents have earned bachelor's degrees. In fact, census statistics indicate Johnson County is the 10th "smartest" county in the nation, based on percentage of residents holding bachelor's degrees.

The University of Iowa represents a strong presence in the community while enhancing the quality of life in Iowa City.

Your aspiration may be a career in medicine, law or education. Regardless of the specific career field, it's important to identify the college baseball program that places a high priority on academics and allows you to take full advantage of the tremendous educational opportunities available.

At the University of Iowa, student-athletes learn quickly that academic success is the highest priority.

ATHLETICS AND ACADEMICS

At The University of Iowa, a strong relationship has been developed between athletics and academics, where coaches and athletes work hand-in-hand with academic deans and professors, assuring the student-athlete the best possible opportunities to excel in the classroom and in athletics.

From the first visit for any prospective student-athlete, to the completion of their academic and athletic career at Iowa, academic personnel play a large role in the career of Hawkeye student-athletes. Beginning with the on-campus visits, student-athletes are introduced to professors in their selected field of study, and are able to establish a relationship and develop an understanding of the academic setting in which they will be involved.





THE RUSSELL AND ANN GERDIN ATHLETIC LEARNING CENTER

The University of Iowa Russell and Ann Gerdin Athletic Learning Center opened in the fall of 2003. The Learning Center is a multi-level, 20,000-square foot facility, which provides one all-purpose area for the academic pursuits for Iowa's male and female student-athletes. The facility is centrally located on the UI campus for easy access by all student-athletes and staff.

The Learning Center features an auditorium, two classrooms, study lounges for freshmen and upper-class student-athletes, a computer lab, a teaching lab, the athletic library, office space for Iowa's Academic Student Services staff and a display area to recognize the academic accomplishments of Iowa's student-athletes.



When a student-athlete considers his future, he should consider prospects beyond baseball. He should consider where he wants to be five, ten, fifteen years from today, and the best course of action for getting there. Also, he should decide early on to commit to excellence in every challenge undertaken.

Without a doubt, the men and women listed here took time to consider their future and the ways to get there. These former University of Iowa undergraduates have gone on to become leaders in their chosen fields. They also pursued their academic studies as strongly as the Iowa Hawkeyes go after a loose ball or rebound.

BUSINESS

Leland C. Adams
Former president, Amoco Production Co.

B.J. Armstrong, Iowa Lettermen, 1986-89
Vice-President of Basketball, Wasserman Media Group
NBA All-Star, 1994
Three-time NBA Champion, Chicago Bulls

John J. Bailes
Former president, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

Matthew Bucksbaum
Former CEO & Founder, General Growth Properties

Arthur A. Collins
Founder, Collins Radio (Rockwell Collins)

Kathleen A. Dore
President, CanWest Media Works, Toronto, Canada
Former Executive vice president and general manager, Bravo Television Network & the Independent Film Channel

John W. English
Former vice president and chief investment officer, Ford Foundation

Norden Gentry
Iowa Lettermen, '58, '59, '60
Attorney, Brick, Gentry, Bowers, Swartz, Stoltz, Schelling and Lewis
Des Moines, IA

Leonard Hadley
Former chairman and CEO, Maytag Corporation

H. John Hawkinson
Former president and director of funds, Kemper Financial Services Inc.

Richard O. Jacobson
President, Jacobson Warehouse Co.

Bill Krause
President, Krause Gentle Corp.

Richard Levitt
Chairman & CEO, Nellis Corporation

Frank N. Magid
President, Frank N. Magid Associates, Inc.,
Pioneer in market research and media consultation

John Pappajohn
Venture capitalist, entrepreneur, President, Equity Dynamics, Inc.

Gary Seearns
Chairman and CEO, Westell Technologies, Aurora, Ill.

Luther Smith
Aerospace Engineer, pilot
Member, Tuskegee Armies, 1942
World War II Purple Heart and Prisoner of War Medal

Henry B. Tippie
Director, Rollins, Inc.
Chairman of the Board, Dover Motorsports & Dover Downs Entertainment

EDUCATION

Joseph N. Crowley
President, University of Nevada at Reno and former NCAA president

R. Wayne Duke
Former commissioner, Big Ten Conference

E.F. Lindquist
Co-founder, American College Testing (ACT) Program

John B. McLendon
First African-American coach inducted into The Basketball Hall of Fame

Eddie Robinson
Legendary football coach, Grambling State University

Willbur Schramm
International authority on communications and founder, Iowa Writers' Workshop

Richard Schultz
Executive Director, United States Olympic Committee;
Former Executive Director, NCAA

James Van Allen
World famous space physicist who discovered two radiation belts (the Van Allen Belts) that orbit the earth

ENTERTAINMENT

Diablo Cody
Best Original Screenplay Oscar Award for Juno

Michele M. Crider
Recognized worldwide as a leading soprano
Has performed in all of Europe's major opera houses

Simon Estes
International opera star

John Falecy
Executive producer of television's "Northern Exposure" & "I'll Fly Away"

Jim Foster
Iowa Lettermen
Founder and Innovator, Arena Football

Al Jarreau
Grammy Award-winning singer

Mark Johnson
Film producer and Oscar Award winner for Rainman

Alex Karras
Former NFL All-Pro, Detroit Lions;
actor, Victor, Victoria; Blazing Saddles; "Webster"

Barry Kemp
Television producer, creator of the hit series "Coach"

Shirley Rich Krohn
Casting director for Kramer vs. Kramer, Three Days of the Condor, Taps, Saturday Night Fever

Ashton Kutcher
Television and film actor

Richard Mailbaum
Writer of James Bond motion picture scripts

Nicholas Meyer
Film writer and director whose film credits include Time After Time, The Seven Per-Cent Solution and Star Trek II, IV and VI

David Milch
Creator, Hill Street Blues, NYPD Blue and other television series
Three-time Emmy Award recipient
Founder, Realboard Productions

Marian Rees
Producer of television films
Owner, Marian Rees and Associates

Brandon Routh
Actor, Superman

Gene Wilder
Actor, Silver Streak, Young Frankenstein, Stir Crazy

GOVERNMENT

David Bonior
U.S. House of Representatives, Mt. Clemens, Mich.

Terry Branstad
Governor, state of Iowa

General Charles A. Horner
Architect of the US air war against Iraq during the Persian Gulf War/Desert Storm

Alan Larson
Assistant to Secretary of State for Economic, Business, and Agricultural Affairs

Ruth Van Roessel McGregor
Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court, 2005 recipient, American Judicature Society's Dwight D. Opperman Award for Judicial Excellence

Trudy Huskamp Peterson
Acting Archivist of the United State, 1993-95

Mary Louise Smith
Noted political party leader and civil rights proponent

Juanita Kidd Stout
First African-American woman elected to a state Supreme Court



JUANITA KIDD STOUT
First African-American woman elected to a state Supreme Court

LITERATURE

Marvin Bell
Iowa Poet Laureate
UI Writers Workshop faculty member and mentor from 1965 until retirement in 2005

Mildred Wirt Benson
Author of 23 Nancy Drew mysteries and first woman to receive master's degree in journalism at Iowa

T.C. Boyle
Author of 11 Novels & eight short story collections
Winner of numerous literary awards, including five O. Henry Awards

Max Allan Collins
Writer of the comic strip Dick Tracy, 1977-92
American mystery writer, including the graphic novel Road to Perdition

Paul Engle
Poet
Founder of the University of Iowa's International Writing Program
Director of the Iowa Writer's Workshop (1941-65)

John Irving
Writer, The World According to Garp, A Son of the Circus, Hotel New Hampshire, A Prayer for Owen Meany



JOHN PAPPAJOHN
Entrepreneur

W.P. Kinsella
Writer, Shoeless Joe

Margaret Walker
Writer, Jubilee

MEDIA

Alan Abelson
Editor, Barron's

Tom Brokaw
Former anchorman, NBC News

Paul Burmeister
Iowa Lettermen, 1992-93
Sports anchor/reporter
The NFL Network

John Cochran
Correspondent, ABC News

Paul Conrad
Political cartoonist and three-time winner of the Pulitzer Prize

Wayne Drehe
General assignment writer, espn.com

Brett Dolan
Broadcaster, Houston Astros

George Gallup
Founder, The Gallup Poll

Charles Guggenheim
Documentary filmmaker, Peabody and Oscar award winner



TOM BROKAW
Former Anchorman, NBC News

Milo Hamilton
50 years in Broadcasting
Voice of the Houston Astros

Harry Kalas
Broadcaster, Philadelphia Phillies

Bob Miller
Broadcaster, Los Angeles Kings

Herbert Nipson
Executive Editor, Ebony

Brian Ross
Correspondent, NBC News; Peabody and Emmy award winner

Mark Shapiro
Former Vice-President, ESPN

Carole Simpson
Anchor, ABC News

MEDICINE

Dr. Nancy Andreasen
Psychiatrist renowned for her research on schizophrenia, as well as creativity

James Bramson
Executive Director, American Dental Association

Dr. Johann L. Ehrenhaft
Pioneer in field of open heart surgery



DON NELSON
Head Coach, Golden State Warriors



MARK SHAPIRO
Former Executive Vice-President, ESPN



EDDIE ROBINSON
Former Football Coach
Grambling State University

Dr. Robert C. Hardin
Developed blood bank protocols during WW II based on seminal work on blood preservation

Dr. Don H. O'Donoghue
Sports medicine pioneer

Dr. Emory D. Warner
World recognized pathologist

FIRST ADVANCED DEGREES IN THE UNITED STATES

African-Americans who received advanced degrees from the University of Iowa, who were also the first in the United States to receive that particular degree:

Alexander Clark, Jr.
1879, law degree

Elizabeth Catlett
1940, master's in art

Lulu Johnson
1941, Ph.D. in history

Oscar Anderson Fuller
1942, Ph.D. in music

Lila Ann Aborn
1972, Ph.D. in chemical engineering

Lisa Portis
1989, Ph.D. in pharmacology



THE HAWKEYE NICKNAME

The University of Iowa borrowed its athletic nickname from the state of Iowa many years ago. The name Hawkeye was originally the name of the hero in the fictional novel, *The Last of the Mohicans*, written by James Fenimore Cooper. Cooper had the Delaware Indians bestow the name on a white scout who lived with them.

In 1838, 12 years after the book was published, people in the territory of Iowa acquired the nickname, chiefly through the efforts of Judge David Rorer of Burlington and James Edwards of Fort Madison.

Edwards, editor of the Fort Madison Patriot, moved his paper to Burlington in 1843 and renamed it the Burlington Hawkeye. The two men continued their campaign to popularize the name, and territorial officials eventually gave it their formal approval.
Herky The Hawkeye

The Hawkeye nickname gained a tangible symbol in 1948 when a cartoon character, later to be named Herky the Hawkeye was hatched. The creator was Richard Spencer III, instructor of journalism at Iowa.

The impish Hawk was an immediate hit and acquired a name through a statewide contest staged by the athletic department. John Franklin, a Belle Plaine alumnus, was the man who suggested Herky.

Since his birth more than 45 years ago, Herky has symbolized Iowa athletics and epitomized University life. He even donned a military uniform during the Korean War and became the insignia of the 124th Fighter Squadron.

During the mid-1950s, Herky came to life at a football game as the Iowa mascot. Since that time, Herky has been a familiar figure at Iowa athletics events.

HOTELS/MOTELS

Alexis Park Inn and Suites, 1165 S. Riverside Drive, Iowa City	337-8665	Holiday Inn Express, 970 25th Ave., Coralville	625-5000
Amana Colonies Holiday Inn, I-80, Exit 225, Amana	688-1175	Holiday Inn, 1200 1st Ave., Coralville	351-5049
Americinn, 2597 Holiday Road, Coralville	625-2400	Hotel Vetro Studio Suites, 201 S. Linn St., Iowa City, IA	337-4961
Baymont Inn & Suites, 200 6th Street, Coralville	337-9797	Iowa House Hotel, Madison & Jefferson St., Iowa City	335-3513
Best Western Canterbury Inn, 704 1st Ave., Coralville	351-0400	Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 300 East 9th Street, Coralville	688-4000
Big Ten Inn, 707 1st Ave., Coralville	351-6131	Motel 6, 810 1st Avenue, Coralville	354-0030
Comfort Inn and Suites, 2431 James Street, Coralville	338-3400	Quality Inn and Suites, 2525 N. Dodge St., Iowa City	354-2000
Comfort Inn, 209 9th St., Coralville	351-8144	Riverside Golf Resort, 3184 Hwy. 22, Riverside, IA	648-1234
Country Inn and Suites by Carlson, 2571 Heartland Place, Coralville	545-8464	Sheraton Iowa City Hotel, 210 S. Dubuque St., Iowa City	337-4058
Days Inn, Hwy. 6 West, Coralville	354-4400	Suburban Extended Stay Hotel, 2481 Holiday Road, Coralville	625-2200
Fairfield Inn, 214 9th Street, Coralville	337-8382	Super 8 Motel, 611 1st Ave., Coralville	337-8388
Hampton Inn, 1200 1st Ave., Coralville	351-6600	Travel Lodge, 2216 N. Dodge St., Iowa City	351-1010
Heartland Inn, 87 2nd Street, Coralville	351-8132		
Holiday Inn Amana Colonies, I-80 Exit 225, Williamsburg	668-1175		

RESTAURANTS

Agave Bar & Grill, 2781 Oakdale Blvd., Coralville	665-2524	Eggy's on 965, Hwy. 965, North Liberty	665-4800
Applebee's, 200 12th St., Coralville	358-1986	El Dorado, 102 Second Street, Coralville	688-5237
Airliner, 22 S. Clinton, Iowa City	351-9259	El Rancho, 21 Sturgis Drive, Iowa City	338-4324
Atlas World Grill, 127 Iowa Ave., Iowa City	341-7700	Flannigan's Bar & Grill, 501 1st Ave., Coralville	351-1904
Baldy's Wraps, 18 S. Clinton Street, Iowa City	338-1010	Givanni's Café, 109 E. College St., Iowa City	338-5967
Bennigan's, Coral Ridge Mall, Coralville	625-2366	Godfather's Pizza, Highway 1 West, Iowa City	354-3312
Blackstone, 502 Westbury Drive, Suite 1, Iowa City	338-1770	Graze, 115 E. College Street, Iowa City	887-5477
Bo-James, 118 E. Washington St., Iowa City	337-4703	Gus' Food & Spirits, 2421 Coral Court, Coralville	545-4290
Bob's Your Uncle Pizza Café, 2208 N. Dodge St., Iowa City	331-7400	Hamburg Inn, 214 N. Linn St., Iowa City	337-5512
Bread Garden Bakery & Café, 224 S. Clinton, Iowa City	354-4246	House of Lords Restaurant & Pub, 704 1st Ave., Coralville	351-0400
Brothers Bar & Grill, 125 W. Dubuque, Iowa City	338-6373	HuHot Mongolian Grill, 917 25th Ave., Coralville	358-9100
Brown Bottle, 115 E. Washington St., Iowa City	351-6704	Hunan Restaurant, 118 2nd St., Coralville	338-8886
Bruegger's Bagel Bakery, 404 1st Avenue, Coralville	337-2243	Hungry Hobo, 517 S. Riverside Drive, Iowa City	337-5270
Buffalo Wild Wings, 201 Clinton Street, Iowa City	887-9464	IHOP, 2435 James Street, Coralville	248-1122
Buffalo Wild Wings, 2500 Corridor Way, Coralville	338-9464	Iowa River Power Company, 501 1st Ave., Coralville	351-1904
Carl and Ernie's Good Time Pub and Grub, 161 Hwy. 1 West, Iowa City	337-4422	Jimmy Jack's Rib Shack, 1940 Lower Muscatine Road, Iowa City	354-7427
Carlos O'Kelly's, 1411 S. Waterfront Drive, Iowa City	354-5800	Joseph's Steakhouse, 212 S. Clinton St., Iowa City	358-0776
Charlie's Bar and Grill, 450 1st Ave., Coralville	351-1488	Konomi, 843 Quarry Road, #140, Coralville	351-2290
Chili's, 2651 2nd St., Coralville	351-1488	Linn Street Café, 121 N. Linn St., Iowa City	337-7370
Colony Inn Restaurant, 741 47th Ave., Amana	622-6270	Micky's Irish Pub, 11 S. Dubuque St., Iowa City	338-6860
Culvers Frozen Custard, 2591 Heartland Place, Coralville	545-8255	Midtown Family Restaurant, 1069 Hwy. 1, Iowa City	351-9323
David's Place, 100 South Linn Street, Iowa City	351-5600	Mill Restaurant, 120 E. Burlington Street, Iowa City	351-9529
Donnelley's, 101 E. College Street, Iowa City	338-7355	Mondo's Tomato Pie, 516 E. 2nd St., Coralville	337-3000
The Edge, 807 1st Ave., Coralville	337-5680	Monicas, 302 2nd Street, Coralville	338-7400
Edgewater Grille, 300 E. 9th Street, Coralville	887-5018	Okoboji Grill, 1857 Lower Muscatine Rd., Iowa City	248-1155

Old Capitol Brew Works & Public House, 525 S. Gilbert St., Iowa City	337-3422	Short's Burger and Shine, 18 S. Clinton St., Iowa City	337-4678
Old Chicago, 78 Second Street, Coralville	248-1220	Sidelines Bar & Grill, 320 E. Burlington St., Iowa City	354-7157
Olive Garden, 925 25th Ave., Coralville	339-9100	Sonic Drive-In, 604 2nd Street, Coralville	354-4790
Outback Steakhouse, 945 25th Ave., Coralville	354-2755	Sports Column, 12 S. Dubuque Street, Iowa City	356-6902
Ox Yoke Inn, 4420 220 Trail, Amana	1-800-233-3441	Steak and Shake, 2806 Commerce Drive, Coralville	545-5472
Paglia's Pizza, 302 E. Bloomington St., Iowa City	351-5073	Summit Restaurant & Bar, 10 S. Clinton St., Iowa City	354-7482
Pancho's Mexican Grill, 901 25th Ave., Coralville	248-3256	Sushi Popo, 725 Mormon Trek Blvd., Iowa City	338-7676
Pancho's Mexican Grill, 32 S. Clinton, Iowa City	338-6311	Takanami, 219 Iowa Avenue, Iowa City	351-5125
Pit Smokehouse, 130 N. Dubuque, Iowa City	337-6653	Texas Road House, 2520 Corridor Way, Coralville	354-3489
Quinton's Bar & Deli, 215 E. Washington, Iowa City	354-7074	The Three Samurai, 1801 2nd St., Coralville	337-3340
Red Avocado, 521 E. Washington St., Iowa City	351-6088	Third Base, 111 E. College St., Iowa City	339-1516
Red Lobster, 2671 2nd Street, Coralville	338-6400	Venuto's World Bistro, 115 E. College Street, Iowa City	688-0002
Red's Ale House, 515 S. Dubuque St., North Liberty	626-2100	Vesta, 849 Quarry Road, Coralville	338-3782
River City Beefstro, 1210 1st Ave., Coralville	351-1551	Vine Tavern, 330 E. Prentiss St., Iowa City	354-8767
The Saloon, 112 E. College St., Iowa City	354-3837	Vine Tavern & Eatery, 39 2nd St., Coralville	338-7770
Sam's Pizza, 441 S. Gilbert St., Iowa City	337-8200	Vito's Italian American Restaurant, 118 E. College St., Iowa City	338-1393
Sanctuary Restaurant & Pub, 405 S. Gilbert St., Iowa City	351-5692	Wig and Pen Pizza Pub, 1220 Hwy. 6 West, Coralville	354-2767